



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school and the new term. I hope you have had a lovely Easter. This is just a reminder about a few things and to tell you about what has been planned for your child for the final term of Year 4.

Practical information

It is important for children to drink water throughout the day especially now the weather is becoming warmer. Therefore, children may bring in bottles of water each day so long as the bottle has a secure lid. Please can you remind your child to take their bottle home every night for washing and refilling.

Please try to make sure that all your child's clothes are clearly labelled with their name. It's during this time of year, when jumpers are taken off, that they are lost or misplaced! Any lost property can then be easily identified.

PE

Can all children please bring their PE kit into school on Monday and then taken home over the weekend to be washed. Tracksuits may be sent in if the weather is cold otherwise normal PE kit should be worn. Could you please ensure that your child has appropriate footwear for these lessons. It is not safe for your child to participate in PE lessons in their school shoes. Children should not wear any jewellery during these lessons.

Homework

Homework will be given out on Fridays and any written work must be returned by the following Wednesday. Spellings given out will be tested on the following Friday. Although children in Year 4 are encouraged to read independently, I would urge you to continue listening to your child read whenever possible as fluency is an essential part of reading and helps comprehension. Maths homework will be set

using MyMaths. Can you please ensure that your child is clicking on the 'Checkout' button when their work is complete otherwise it won't be saved. Please ensure that your child completes all homework given as it supports and extends the learning that takes place at school.

Year 4's topics and themes

Our topic this term is entitled "Water, Water, Everywhere!". Within this fabulous topic, we will be researching rivers and mountains within the UK and around the world. We will be learning in a cross-curricular way through art, DT, geography, science, maths and literacy. Check out our class page on our learning platform for more information and for links to great webpages about well-known mountains and rivers.

In maths, times tables remain vitally important if the children are going to make good progress. Using the internet games or board games can help reinforce them in a fun and enjoyable way. Your child should be learning their times tables regularly and should now be confident with their 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 times tables.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries. Thanks again for your cooperation and support.

Yours sincerely

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