



# Welcome to Year 4

# **Year 4 Staff Team**

## **Class Teachers**

**Mrs Lincoln** – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

**Mrs Sargeant** – Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

**Mr Gardiner** – Autumn term

## **Teaching Assistants**

**Mrs Mannix** – All mornings and two afternoons

**Mrs Balchin** – One afternoon

**Mrs Middleton** – Music on a Friday afternoon

# Year 4 Events Autumn 2019

Harvest Festival – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Trip to Audley End – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Class 4 Assembly – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

# Year 4 Multiplication Check

- First year of the statutory online multiplication check.
- Checks tables up to and including  $12 \times 12$ .
- Takes place in a three week window in June.
- 25 questions with 6 seconds to answer each question.

# Homework Expectations

- Daily practise of times tables
- Maths homework set on a Monday and due for the Friday
- The homework task should take no more than 20 minutes
- Neat presentation – completed in pencil
- Use of folder to transport homework book and sheets between home and school

# Online Activities

- Homework may involve Active Learn or TTRockStar activities
- Please check logins still work and let us know if you require them to be reset
- Make sure your child knows their logins for access at school
- Read together the pages regarding the use of Internet and E-safety in the planners (p.4 and 5)
- Parent and child to sign page 4 in the planners

# Reading

- Read to an adult every day for at least 15 minutes
- Please note in the planner the date, book and page numbers read
- Any additional comments are welcome
- Discuss vocabulary, predict the story, discuss the plot/characters/setting
- Make it an enjoyable experience!
- Planners are checked regularly for reading at home

# Reading Challenge

- Mix of reading and tasks
- Children earn points for completing books and talking to an adult about them
- Points can be earned for completing tasks in school – time given in class each week for this
- Suggested reading list is on the class page of the website

# Equipment Needed

All children are expected to provide an A4 envelope style plastic folder. It should be in school each day along with a reading book and planner.

Children may bring in one pencil case but school will provide equipment if needed.

It should include:

- HB pencils
- 30cm ruler
- Eraser
- Pencil sharpener
- Coloured pencils

PE kits are needed in school every day.

# P.E.

P.E. will normally take place on a Wednesday morning and a Friday afternoon.

Wednesday morning – Swimming or P.E.

P.E. kits should be in school each day in case of a timetable variation.

Earrings must be removed. No hooded tops.

If your child is unable to do P.E., please put this in writing.

# Growth Mindset

- Whole school focus
- Developing positive attitudes to learning for all
- Sitting with a learning partner for the week
- Mixed ability – opportunity to discuss learning with a greater range of peers
- Option for children to choose their level of challenge on tasks – guidance given if needed
- Focus on how they can improve

# How to help...

- Routine for homework
- Daily reading
- Daily practise of key maths facts – times tables and number bonds
- Contact us if you have any concerns or queries

# Healthy Schools

- Water bottles – named and only containing water
- Healthy packed lunches
- Snacks for breaktime – fruit or a vegetable in its pure form
- Time for physical activity
- Sleep!

# Reminder...

- Up to date medical information and contact details
- Medicine policy – no medicines administered without a medical form. This includes creams.
- Please send a letter to excuse PE for injury/illness
- Children can arrive at school from 8:45am - register taken at 9:00am
- Please contact the school office if your child is unwell
- Avoid holidays and appointments in term time
- Please view the website for regular updates

# Keep in touch...

- Please keep us informed of anything which may affect your child's learning
- If you have any concerns, please see us.

Any questions?