Dear Parents and Guardians of Year 4,

Welcome to the Autumn Term 2025!

We're thrilled to kick off a brand-new school year at Primrose Hill and even more excited to welcome our wonderful new Year 4 classes! It's going to be a fun and busy term, and we can't wait to get started.

#### **English**

We'll be diving into a variety of engaging texts and exploring grammar through creative sentence structures and punctuation. Reading regularly at home makes a huge difference—just three times a week can really boost your child's confidence and progress across all subjects!

#### Maths

Our focus will be on mental strategies, place value, and mastering the four operations. By the end of Year 4, children are expected to know all their times tables up to  $12 \times 12$  (and the related division facts). It's a big goal, but with support from both home and school, we know they'll get there!

# History

We'll be stepping back in time to explore the fascinating world of the Anglo Saxons and Vikings—how they lived, worked, worshipped, and even battled! We're planning a trip to the Saxon Village (Mere Tun), which is always a highlight. Keep an eye out for more details soon!

# Science

In the second half of the term, we'll be investigating 'States of Matter'—exploring solids, liquids, and gases through hands-on experiments and activities.

# O PSHE & RE

Our PSHE lessons will focus on relationships—at school, at home, and in the wider community. In RE, we'll learn about the Hindu faith and later explore the theme of 'Light' in Christianity, including the meaning behind Christingle.

# Computing

We'll be getting creative with digital media—making movie soundtracks using GarageBand and designing interactive posters. It's a great way for children to express themselves and build tech skills.

# A PE

PE takes place every Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure your child wears their full PE kit on these days, including plain black joggers and sweatshirts for outdoor sessions.

#### Art & DT

In Art, we'll be exploring drawing and textiles, including making felt. In DT, we'll be designing and creating wallets or purses—just in time for Christmas!

#### Music Music

Over the year, each class will have a term and a half of brass instrument lessons every Wednesday afternoon. Instruments will be sent home after initial sessions, and we encourage regular practice. Please return instruments to school every Tuesday. (Snowdon Autumn-Spring 1, Ben Nevis Spring 2 – Summer).

#### French

Children will also continue learning to speak French.

# Homework & Reading

- Spellings will be posted on Showbie.
- We test spellings, times tables, and count reads every Friday.
- Please record your child's reads in the Homework folder on Showbie.

# **#** Birthday Books

We love celebrating birthdays in school! Many families kindly donate a book for our celebration assembly, and we now use these books to grow our class library.

Thank you for your continued support. We're looking forward to a fantastic term full of learning, creativity, and fun!

Warm wishes,

The Year 4 Team