Dear Year 4 Parents,

Welcome back! It has been lovely to see the children back in school and to see how brilliantly they have settled in already. They are coping so well with the new routines and changes around school and we are so pleased with all of their hard work so far. The following letter will include some of the key information for the following year.

In Year 4, we cover some exciting topics including: Electricity, Anglo-Saxons, Ancient Egyptians, The Digestive System and Rivers. For more information about the content covered in Year 4, you can find curriculum overviews over on our website. I will also be posting updates on Class Dojo.

**Homework**

Children will receive their homework via Class Dojo on **Thursday** to be uploaded on the following **Tuesday**. The homework will alternate weekly between Maths and English. If your child struggles with a question, please leave it blank or put a star next to it / message me with any issues. This will help us to make sure we give them the appropriate support. If your child is unable to work online at home, we can provide printed worksheets in school for them to take home – just let me know.

**Reading**

We recommend that children read at home as much as possible. Children have their own login for **Bug Club** which is a great resource that children can use independently, and I can follow their progress online. Children have also been given a home reader that they take home and return to school daily. As and when you listen to your child read, you can make a note of this in their **reading record**.

**Spellings**

On Mondays, your child will be given a list of spellings to practise at home in preparation for our spelling test the following Monday. These words will link with our spelling rule of the week that we are covering in class. Please encourage your child to practise these spellings and help them to understand the meanings (sentence writing may be good for this). These spellings will be available to download from our Class Story on Class Dojo.

**Times Tables**

In Year 4, times tables are very important as we will be working towards our end of year online Times Table test. Please encourage your child to practise their times tables at home. They can do this independently using the apps **Hit the Button,** **TT Rockstars** and **Maths Factor Times Table Check.** Children also have a log in for **Sumdog** which will help them with other mental maths skills.

**PE**

Our PE day is a **Thursday.** Please make sure your child has a named PE kit in school at all times. We will be doing PE outdoors where we can, so you may wish to include tracksuit bottoms or leggings for those colder days.

**Swimming**

Swimming sessions take place on **Tuesday** afternoons, therefore your child will need a full swimming kit in school on Tuesdays. This includes:

* Swimming costume / trunks (no loose shorts)
* Swimming hat for girls (and boys with long hair)
* Goggles (If goggle form has been returned)
* Towel

We also ask that on Tuesdays, children **do not wear jewellery** and that girls arrive in school with their **hair tied up.**
We have also been asked to remind parents that the policy at the baths regarding verrucae is that these should be given treatment the night before using a waterproof gel from the chemist or a verruca sock must be worn.

**Water Bottles and Break Time Snacks**

Water: We would be grateful if you could send your child into school with a full water bottle each day (water only, no juice or flavoured water please).

Breaktime Snacks: We are now asking that children bring **fruit or vegetables** into school rather than cereal bars or other snacks. **(**More information about how your child can order a hot snack will follow within the next few weeks).

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As always, thank you for your continued support. I understand it can be difficult to fit everything in at home, but the points above really are beneficial to your child’s learning and can make a big difference. All we ask is you do what you can.

If you have any questions or concerns at all, please contact the school office, or drop me a message on Class Dojo and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

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