

YEAR 4 INFORMATION MEETING

September 2020

WELCOME TO YEAR 4

- There are 2 classes in year 4, Yellow (4Y) and Orange (4O). Mr Clegg is Yellow class teacher and Mrs Yeomans is Orange class teacher.
- We are ably assisted by Mrs Kiernan and Miss Farmer and there are also some staff who work one to one with various children.
- P.S. – The children are settling back into school very well! We would like to thank you for your continued support!

HOW WE DO THINGS!

- **Groups** — the children grouped by ability into 2 groups for Maths and English. We do sometimes move the children after assessments. All groups follow the year 4 curriculum – but at different depths and speeds.
- **Homework** - we may send Maths and English work home - but this is NOT to be returned at the moment. Also we may put some things on Twitter
- **PE and Games** — no PE or games kits at the moment – the children do exercise daily. Children have begun swimming lessons at Rochdale baths. Orange class swim on a Tuesday afternoon and Yellow class swim on a Wednesday afternoon. Your child will need to bring their swimming kit on their swim day and take it home with them on the same day. There is no jewellery allowed poolside, so if your child wears earrings could you please ensure this are taken out on your child's swimming day. Swimming can be exhausting for your child, so to give them energy we recommend bringing a healthy snack for when they return to school. This can be a piece of fruit or vegetables and the children will be given time to eat it upon their return to school.
- **Interventions** — this is catch up work. Once we have established what gaps there are the children will receive catch up sessions.
- **Independence!** Your child should be able to do their own shoes, zips and buttons!

MATHS

- We want maths to be interesting, practical and fun. We do use worksheets but will also teach practical lessons with lots of equipment to help understanding.
- Times Tables – By the end of year 4, your child should know all their times tables. At the end of this academic year, your child will have a Government times table test. This will be done via computer and the children will only have 5 seconds to answer each question. If you want to help your child at home please use TT rockstars – your child will be given a login next week, but you can also help by practising times tables with your child.
- Reasoning, we do quite a lot of work on enabling the children to explain their mathematical ideas – and why certain calculations work and others don't.
- Home help – this is very important! We appreciate your help with number fact learning, telling the time and having a go at using different measures – e.g. – when baking.
- We encourage the children to use pictures and jottings to work out problems and calculations.
- How we teach calculation – please see the VCP (Visual Calculation Policy) on the website.

ENGLISH

- Reading – all children have got a reading book for use in school. Unfortunately we can't send these home at present. Please read and share as many stories and books as you can at home.
- Handwriting, - we practise this at school but please feel free to do some at home.
- Spelling, -each group will practise spellings in school and have a spelling test each week. These may sometimes be sent home/put on Twitter for extra practise.
- Writing – we use picture and story books to teach different types of writing.

OTHER CURRICULUM SUBJECTS

- Maths and English are taught each day.
- We are also focussing on PSHE education (personal social health economic) every day at the moment.
- Our aim is for the children to have 30 minutes of physical activity each day.
- The children will experience other subjects like RE, art, science, history etc. through out the term – please see the parent booklet.

CONTACTING US

- We know these are unusual times – if you need to discuss your child's circumstances please don't hesitate to contact us via the school office.