

Dear Parents,

I hope this finds you well and welcome back and to Class Sea. As a school, we have created fixed time tables to ensure time and resources are fully utilised. If anything should change, I will let you know. Here are just a few notices to help you with organising your weekly routines:

- In year 4, our PE slots will be Monday after lunch and will therefore need our kits and appropriate foot wear in school. I would advise that the children have access to their full kit in school all week. Kits will be sent home for you every half term so you can wash them, if you wish to take them more frequently, please do. Please can you ensure you child has suitable clothing for outdoors if the weather is still dry but a little colder and trainers.
- We will be going swimming at Sisset baths on Tuesday mornings. So please send your children in on Tuesdays with swimming kits and a towel.
- In Class Sea we will read every day as it is vital to their progression in the whole of Literacy/ English. Children will read every day in guided reading sessions and will focus heavily on comprehension and focused reading skills when working with me. All the children are at different stages with their reading and if a child is reading the books from the scheme from school, it is really important that these books are read, to support the teaching and learning of reading itself. Some children may also have a book from the library that they read alongside or standalone which is great. I wouldn't expect a child to be reading three books simultaneously of considerable length but rather two. This will be our normal routine, but if any other opportunities arise they will be taken advantage of. So please ensure that reading books are in school every day.
- If you ever need to speak to me, or send me a message, I will be outside after school every day. Alternatively, you can email the office at [office@shelleyfirstschool.co.uk](mailto:office@shelleyfirstschool.co.uk) and they will be forwarded directly to me.
- Children will continue to have homework in Year 4. Homework set will be building on the maths and English learnt during the half term. Other homework will consist of reading at least twice a week with someone at home, and using Times table rockstars online. Weekly competitions are in place for these.
- This year, I have PPA on a Tuesday morning and will not be in class. It will continue to be Mrs Wood teaching the children at this time and taking them swimming. Together, we work really hard to plan for the children in a way that not only continues the work we are doing but will help the children stay in a routine.
- We will use the laptops on a Wednesday afternoon.
- For our school residential this year I am aiming to take the children to Castleton for one night in the peak district. Here we will build on our Geography curriculum, learning about map reading, land use and many other things. I am currently in contact with the centre and trying to get a date confirmed. This should be in May sometime.
- Towards the end of the academic year 4 will take part in a mandatory timetable check that all year 4 students across the country have to complete. Throughout the year we will be constantly building our multiplication knowledge in our maths lessons along with daily TTRS sheets. More information can be found about this here. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents>
- We will always try to inform you of any changes or additions to our routines. This may be via text, email or letter.

I hope these notices are helpful, please come and ask if I've left something out. I'm very excited for another great year at Shelley First School and I'm pleased the children have settled in well. I always aim to have smiley children who have had fun with their learning and understand effort is the path to success. Please come find me if you have any questions and I'll do my very best to help.

Here's to a fantastic, successful year and with kind regards,

Mr Lister