

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 4! Over the next year we will be finding out even more about the world around us and continuing to develop our knowledge and skills in a whole range of subjects.

I will aim to inform you of any changes to our timetable as soon as possible throughout the year, but please come and ask me if you are unsure of any of the information given. To start the year, our PE day will be on a Monday as Premier Sport will be taking the class for the afternoon. Please can children come to school in their PE kits on a Monday. Our moat day will be Friday so please dress in moat clothes on this day.

Similar to Year 3, we will be teaching spelling patterns within the classroom and focusing on how to spell words rather than learning words weekly and completing a spelling test. Homework will be given out once a half term as a menu. There are 6 activities on the menu and the children are asked to complete all six of these tasks. They should bring in one piece of homework each week, by Thursday, which will be marked and the books will be returned on Fridays.

This half term our Topic is 'Saving the Planet'. We will be learning about the past, present and future in terms of climate change and how small changes can have a huge impact on the planet. As well as this, we will consider how air and water pollution affects us and what can be done to help. Our topic covers many subject areas such as Geography, History and DT and will focus on learning new key vocabulary - do see the topic web for further details on this.

Linking to our topic, our focus in English will be the non-fiction report writing text "The Creature" and a persuasive text "An Alternative to Plastic Straws". We shall use many features of non-fiction writing in our first half term.

In Maths, our main area of learning is place value where we aim to secure our number knowledge before beginning adding and subtracting. We will be looking at numbers to 10,000 once we have secured our knowledge to 1000.

The children may want a fruit snack at break time, and you are welcome to send one in their school bag. Additionally, if they would like to keep their own water bottle at the back of the classroom please ensure it is named.

Children will also be given reading books, which they will be encouraged to read at least three times a week at home, including to an adult. These can be changed any day of the week during reading time, but children should ask a class adult and tell them about the book before changing it. Children can write in their reading record once they have finished a text.

If you have any questions or queries please contact me through the school office or directly to my email.

Kind Regards,
Emma Mason