



September 2023

## **Welcome to Year 4**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 4! We hope you have all had an excellent summer break and the children are eager to get started with their first half term in Year 4. We are so pleased to see everyone back in school again and we have lots to look forward to.

We are going to be reading a range of texts this half term. Our first few weeks in English and Reading lessons will be based around fairy tales. In fact, twisted fairy tales! We will be reading a variety of fairy tales that might not be quite as you know them. We will be reading books such as, 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs', 'The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig' and 'Red Riding Hood and the Sweet Little Wolf'. Towards the end of the half term, we will begin our autumn term novel: 'Matilda' by Roald Dahl.

In Mathematics, we will begin the year by securing the children's understanding of place value and exploring numbers using different representations up to 10,000. As the half term progresses, we will move onto developing our fluency with the formal written method for Addition and Subtraction.

The children have been given new planners. We thank you in advance for your support with your child's daily reading and times table practise. Please ensure that home reading is recorded in your child's planner in order for them to gain a sticker each day.

It is particularly important for the children in Year 4 to be practising their times tables at home this year as towards the end of the year, the children must be able to fluently recall all their times tables up to 12 x 12. This knowledge will be assessed in the Multiplication Tables Check which is a national check completed by all Year 4 children in schools across the country. We will be helping the children as much as we can in school but we would also please encourage you to support your child with this at home.

The children still have access to Times Table Rockstars at home and can earn certificates and other exciting rewards in school for improving their scores and speed by playing this game. However, there is nothing like a bit of old fashioned pen and paper to help the children to practise too!

This year, the children will continue to receive weekly spelling tests. The words they will be tested on will be based on the words and spelling rules that we have learnt that week in school. We ask you to please help your child to practise at home. If they have access to an electronic device, they can also practise these words on 'Spelling Shed', which is what we will be using in school. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

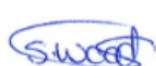
This year, P.E. will be on Wednesday afternoons. Please could you ensure that your child has a full P.E. kit including a change of footwear in school on the Monday, just in case the timetable changes at the last minute. If a child does not have the correct uniform for P.E., a text will be sent to inform you and your child will not be able to participate in the lesson.

We are really looking forward to what we think will be a fantastic half term for the children. We would like to thank you in advance for your support this year and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher. You can do this by writing a note in your child's planner or telephoning the school and they will make contact with you.

Kind regards,



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