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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.

Over our first half term, in English and Reading lessons, we will be using the Roald Dahl text, Matilda. The children will use the text to inspire a range of writing, whilst also developing their reading skills. We cannot wait to see their outcomes.

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.

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 Rock Stars 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!

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 with the title of the book, the page numbers they have read and your signature, in order for them to gain a star each day.

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 learned 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 practise these words on 'Spelling Shed', which we will also be using in school. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

This year, P.E. will be on Tuesdays. 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.

Finally, as a reminder, mobile phones must not be brought to school and make-up should not be worn.

We are really looking forward to a fantastic half term and we would like to thank you in advance for your support this year. 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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