



Welcome to Year 4!

From Miss Watson and Mr Steigenberger



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a wonderful summer and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new school year. We are delighted to welcome the children to Year 4 and are looking forward to an exciting and inspiring first half term together.

We have lots planned for the children, with fascinating topics, brilliant books, practical experiments and plenty of opportunities to learn, explore and have fun. Here is a little glimpse of what we will be getting up to this half term.

Key dates:

Tuesday 8 th September	Term begins
Thursday 10 th September	Inset Day
Tuesday 15 th September	Individual photos
Tuesday 22 nd September (6-00 to 7-30)	Curriculum Evening
Tuesday 29 th September	Super Smiles Visitor
Thursday 1 st October	Zoo trip (TBC)
Thursday 1 st October	PTA AGM
Tuesday 20 th and Thursday 22 nd October	Parents evening
Monday 26 th to Friday 30 th October	Half term

Trip

We are very excited to announce we will be having a trip this half term to the zoo on Thursday 1st October (TBC)!

For this day, children will be expected to **wear school uniform**. Please ensure that your child has packed:

- a coat
- a sun hat
- a snack
- a water bottle
- **a packed lunch**

Unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate hot lunches on this day.

We would love to have some **parent helpers** for our class trip to the Zoo. If you can help from **9:30-12:30** on **Thursday 1st October**, we would love to hear from you. Please could you send an email to your class teacher to let them know if you are available (emails are listed below).

Thank you for your help and support!

English - Writing and Guided Reading

We will be diving into two brilliant books this half term:

The Book of Bones by Gabrielle Balkan

A fascinating non-fiction text that links beautifully with our science learning about the human body.

George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl

This hilarious classic will inspire the children's own creative writing later in the term.

During Guided Reading, we will explore *George's Marvellous Medicine* in greater depth, developing the children's reading fluency, comprehension and understanding.

Reading at Home

Please support your child by listening to them read aloud for **at least 20 minutes each day** and recording their reading in their Reading Record. Regular reading at home makes a huge difference to children's confidence and progress.

Maths

We will begin the year by focusing on:

- Place Value
- Addition & Subtraction
- Area

We will use a range of practical strategies and problem-solving activities to help the children develop a deep understanding of these important mathematical concepts.

Number bonds and **times tables** are also essential, so we would really appreciate your support with regular practice at home. This could be through chanting, games, apps, quizzes — or even practising in the car or while cooking! We would love to hear about the creative ways you are practising together at home.

Topic - Burps, Bottoms and Bile!

Get ready for a **gross but glorious** adventure into the human body! Our topic this half term is *Burps, Bottoms and Bile*, and it is packed with hands-on experiments, fascinating facts and plenty of opportunities for the children to discover how incredible their bodies really are.

We will be learning all about **teeth, bones, the digestive system** and how the different parts of our bodies work together.

PE

This half term, we will have two PE sessions a week:

- **Wednesday**
- **Friday**

Please ensure your child wears their **PE kit on both Wednesday and Friday** each week so they can take part fully. Sessions will either be inside or outside.

Music - Mamma Mia!

Our music focus this term is all about the legendary pop group **ABBA**! The children will be learning to sing, compose and perform *Mamma Mia!*, developing their musical skills while having lots of fun along the way.

RE - What Kind of World Did Jesus Want?

In RE, we will be exploring the teachings of Jesus and thinking about important ideas such as kindness, fairness and making the world a better place. Our RE sessions will be reflective and discussion-based, giving the children opportunities to share their own thoughts, ideas and values.

PSHE - Being the Best Person You Can Be!

This term, our PSHE focus is all about relationships and respect. We'll be covering:

- **Families and Friendships** - building and maintaining positive friendships, including online
- **Safe Relationships** - how to respond to unkind behaviour and manage risks
- **Respecting Ourselves and Others** - exploring similarities, differences, and how to treat everyone with kindness

We follow planning from the **PSHE Association**, and all activities are designed to be age-appropriate, engaging and relevant to the children.

Homework

Homework provides a valuable opportunity for children to consolidate their learning, practise key skills and develop independence. Your encouragement at home makes a real difference to your child's learning and progress.

This half term, children will be expected to complete the following each week:

- **Spelling practice**, including a weekly spelling test
- **A maths task**
- **Reading aloud for at least 20 minutes each day**, recorded in their Reading Record

Homework will be collected in and marked every **Monday**, with new homework being given out on **Tuesday**. This will begin during the week commencing **Monday 14th September**.

We are really looking forward to getting to know the children and watching them grow in confidence throughout the year. We have an exciting half term ahead and cannot wait to see the children getting stuck into all the learning, challenges and experiences we have planned.

If you have any questions or can help with our trip to the zoo, please get in touch.

Many thanks,

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