



5th September 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to the new school year. We hope that you have all had a wonderful, restful holiday and that your children are excited about the year ahead.

The three classes will be taught by Miss Shaw, Mr Tennant and Ms. Thwaites or Mrs Brooks (Ms. Thwaites teaching every morning and Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and Mrs Brooks on Monday, Thursday and Friday afternoons). The Support Staff working in the department are Mrs Gaskarth, Mrs Hepworth, Mrs Dodds, Mrs Neale and Miss King. We are all looking forward to a successful and enjoyable year ahead and working in partnership with you to achieve the best outcomes for your child.

We would like to develop our home-school partnership through the continuing development of your child's reading and maths skills. Early in the term, your child will be provided with a plastic folder containing a reading record and a reading book. The reading record is provided so you can make regular comments about the reading that your child does with you at home. **Please ensure that the reading folder is in school each day.** It will be collected in by your child's English teacher on a Monday. We will also be sending home personalised mathematics 'Learn Its'. These are small cards with number facts that are appropriate to your child's stage of development. Please work regularly with your child to help them instantly recall these facts and the related number fact (e.g. $3 \times 5 = 15$ so $15 \div 5 = 3$).

An exciting part of the year 3 and 4 curriculum is going swimming at the Leisure Centre. Swimming this year will take place in the Spring and Summer terms. A further letter will come home towards the end of the Autumn term explaining the swimming procedures in more detail. As swimming is not happening during the Autumn term, the pupils will have two PE sessions. Miss Shaw's and Mr Tennant's PE lessons will be on a Wednesday and Thursday and Ms. Thwaites/Mrs Brooks' class will have their PE lessons on a Tuesday and Thursday. Pupils should have a full indoor and outdoor PE kit in school all week, just in case the timetable is adjusted due to poor weather. Please see the school website for further details of suitable PE kit.

We also encourage the children to bring a water bottle to school every day. Water has been proven to be the most efficient way to keep children hydrated, thus improving their capacity to learn. Similarly, children can bring a healthy snack to eat at break time which is especially important on swimming days. Please do not send your child with crisps, chocolates or biscuits.

Now your child is in year 3 and 4, we would like to develop their independence. One way in which we do this, is by asking you to encourage your child to come in to the classroom on their own each morning. If they are in year 3, you may initially wish to bring them into the cloakroom area, whereas year 4 children should say goodbye at the entrance. This also assists with unnecessary congestion in the cloakrooms and doorways. However, should you need to speak to a member of staff, please feel that you can come in and pass on a message or make an appointment if you require a longer discussion.

As in previous years, children are encouraged to complete a piece of homework each week - the Friday Challenge. At the start of each half term, children will be issued with a list of homework activities to choose from. There will be more tasks than there are weeks in the term, allowing your child to have some choice in the tasks that they choose to complete. Children should bring their completed task to their teacher by the Thursday of each week.










If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to talk to any member of the team.

Yours sincerely

Leanne Shaw, Adam Tennant, Helen Thwaites and Sam Brooks

LKS2 class teachers



Curriculum area.	Topics, ideas and skills for development this half term.	Homework ideas linked to the curriculum areas.
English 	Stories in familiar settings Image poetry Spelling and grammar	Read a range of stories with your parents that have similar settings. Read a book and then watch the film version. Talk about the similarities and differences.
Mathematics 	Place value Addition and subtraction	Practice your 'Learn Its' each day at home. Visit http://www.mathplayground.com/games.html to access a range of educational games relating to our maths topics.
Science 	Forces and magnets	Play a game together that uses magnets. Can you make a game which relies upon the use of magnets? Look at this excellent website http://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/magnets
History 	The Romans	Build a virtual Roman fort - https://www.nms.ac.uk/explore-our-collections/games/discover-the-romans/discover-the-romans/build-a-roman-fort/ Draw a Roman gladiator and label all the equipment.
Art and Design 	Sketching Mosaics	We will be concentrating on sketching. Practice drawing objects around the house. Think about the tone and texture of your sketches. Create your own mosaic using natural objects.
PE 	Hockey Gymnastics	Please ensure PE kits are in school every day. Join the local hockey club.
Music 	Create and perform a song Mamma Mia	Listen to a favourite song that you could perform to the class.
RE 	How and why do Muslims show commitment to God?	What does commitment mean? Make a list of the things <u>you</u> are committed to.
IT 	Create multi-media presentations about the Romans	Practice typing to increase the speed of your word processing skills. You could produce a fact file on the computer.

Dates for your diary:

- Thursday 12th September – Y4 County Show visit
- W/B 16th September – Science Investigation week
- Tuesday 17th September – School Council visit to the Houses of Parliament
- Friday 4th October – FOCF Sponsored walk / jog / walk (LKS2 in the afternoon)
- Wednesday 9th October – School Photograph Day (Individuals & siblings)
- W/B 14th October – Parent Consultation week including late night Wednesday 16th October
- W/B 14th October – European Themed week / European Day of Languages
- Tuesday 15th October – LKS2 visit to Hadrian's Wall