



Welcome back Year 4

Hello everyone and welcome back to school and into Year 4. I am very excited to be starting at the school and I look forward to getting to know you all.

It has been a strange and tough year for everyone and I would like to reassure you that that the school and I will be doing everything we can to ensure that your child is happy and safe back at school. We will be having class discussions around the virus and how we stay safe. There will be various mindfulness and wellbeing activities that will be taking place in class.

 <p>English We will be looking at Traditional Tales and Myths. We will be using the story of The Firework Makers Daughter by Philip Pullman</p>	 <p>Maths - Place Value - Reasoning with 4-digit numbers - Addition and subtraction</p>
<p>RE- We will learn how people mark key events in life. We will also learn why worship is important to some people.</p>	 <p>Science Animals including humans</p> 
 <p>History- I am excited that we will be learning about Ancient Egypt. Geography- Locational Knowledge- Position of latitude.</p>	<p>French – This will be taught by Mrs Killin on a Tuesday morning.</p>
<p>Art- We will be learning how to make dragons and birds eggs. We will also be print making DT- Learning about Structures- Egyptian Boxes</p>	 <p>Music Mamma Mia Glockenspiel</p> 
 <p>Computing – This will be taught by Mrs Killin on a Tuesday morning</p>	 <p>PE – This will be on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Please could I ask that your child comes into school for the day wearing their PE kit. This will be tracksuit trousers but they could wear shorts underneath. We will be starting our PE lessons with Football and Basketball</p>

To ensure everyone's safety at this time we are asking if your child could please have a pencil case, which we ask that they keep in school. They can bring a packed lunch bag to school but no other school bag. Could you also please provide a water bottle, which they will have access to at their desk.

Homework for the present time will be set on Purple Mash and Mathletics, in the same way the work was set for home learning. The work will be set on a Friday, to be handed in the following Wednesday.

Spellings will be given out on a Monday, which they will be tested on straight away. The spellings will be put onto Purple Mash so that the spellings can be practiced at home every night in preparation for their test on a Friday. Children will also be expected to write a sentence to accompany each of their spellings. A spelling sheet can be sent home if required.

We know that it is important for your child that they read both at home and at school. Your child will be given a reading book from the reading scheme, which they will read at school and will be kept in the school. We will also send a book from the same scheme home, to be read and kept at home. Please keep the book at home until it is finished. When it is finished bring the book back in and we will change the book. Please keep a record of their home reading in a way that you are happy with, as we will not be able to have the record sent into school.

I know it feels like there are many changes but we are trying to keep things as normal as possible for the children.

Having now met your children, I am excited to be their teacher for the next year and look forward to a fun year full of laughs and learning.

Please feel free to say hello at the school gate and if you would like to arrange a longer meeting after school then please contact the school office to arrange a meeting.

I look forward to meeting you all and getting to know you.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Mr McLaughlin