



Year 4 Class Letter Autumn 2021

Hello parents/carers and Year 4 pupils,

Welcome back everyone! We've missed you all and hope you've had a great summer break and are ready for our first term in Year 4. This term our topic is Through the Ages, please see the curriculum coverage on our attached Topic Web for this term.

Parent Welcome Meeting - Tuesday 21st September 2.30pm

I would like to welcome you into the classroom on this date, as a way of formally introducing myself and for you to see the learning environment and ask any questions. Mr Hookes will take the children outside during this time and have them back for the end of day.

Timetable and routines:

★ School gates will open at 8:40am and all children are expected in class by 8:50am to start registration.

★ School finishes at 3:15pm and children can be collected outside their child's classroom. If you wish for your child to walk to meet you outside another classroom or outside of the school premises, please email me or send a note in.

★ PE will be on a Monday and Wednesday, please ensure children come to school dressed in their P.E kit (School hoodie, white polo shirt, black shorts, black leggings/tracksuit bottoms, trainers, a waterproof coat and a water bottle).

★ A spare kit should be brought to school or kept in school in case children get wet or muddy during their P.E session.

Autumn 1- Indoor athletics and cross country

Autumn 2- Tag rugby, gymnastics and dance

Studs are recommended for tag rugby, however we have several pairs in school that children are welcome to borrow.

Day	am	pm
Monday	Miss Gibson	Miss Gibson
Tuesday	Miss Gibson	Mrs Madden
Wednesday	Miss Gibson	Mr Hookes
Thursday	Mr Hookes	Miss McCormick
Friday	Mrs Madden	Mrs Madden

General reminders

- ★ Please ensure uniform is clearly named, along with lunchboxes and drinks bottles.
- ★ We are encouraging children to bring a healthy snack to school and as a school, are trying to be more 'plastic aware' so we are encouraging children, where possible, to bring their snacks in reusable containers.
- ★ The weather is forever changing so please ensure your child has a suitable waterproof jacket in school everyday.
- ★ Pencil cases can be brought into school but must remain in the children's bags and only used in specific lessons- we only have small tables and pencil cases can take up a lot of space!

Home learning

Starting next week, the children will have homework sent home on Fridays to support their learning or to prepare for their future learning. We will be using the children's chromebooks for the majority of homeworks, so please ensure your child still has access to their account. Any questions should be directed to Mr Hookes in the first instance.

Reading

We aim to instil a love of reading and to teach children the strategies required to become excellent independent readers who can discuss what they have read confidently. Children will enjoy a wide range of reading experiences in class including whole class guided sessions, group reading, one to one reading and opportunities to be read to and read independently and with friends for pleasure. Please continue to share a book at home every day and make a note of this in your diary. Little and often really is the key to excellent progress in reading. Our school philosophy is to share a book at least 5 times a week and make a note of this in the home school diary.

Class Dojo

This year, the school will be using an app called Class Dojo to record positive examples of learning behaviours and character values. It has a companion parent app that you can download from Google Play or the App Store. The app has numerous features, but perhaps one of the most important and beneficial is a messaging system that can be used for communication between home and school, whether that be a whole class message, or an individual message relating to your child. It is a two-way communication tool, so you can send messages, too! Please use the attached letter which details how to sign-up in more detail.

If you need to contact me at any point, please drop in and see me, send an email to n.gibson@alumnismat.org or contact me through Class Dojo.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to a fun filled and enjoyable term!

Miss Gibson, Mrs Madden and Mr Hookes.