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Year 4 Class Letter
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Hello parents/carers and Year 4 pupils,

Welcome back everyone! Thank you to all those who attended the meet the parent event at school today. It was great to meet so many of you and I look forward to working with you and your children this year.

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 me a class dojo message.

PE will be on a Wednesday afternoon, 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- Cross country
Autumn 2- Tag rugby,

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 to do at home which will be reflection of the work they have done already that week in class. It is not to be a source of stress or upset and certainly is not intended to create a rift between you and your children the night before it is meant to be in. It is however to support them becoming a little more independent and to start the early shoots of a conscientious work ethic.

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. I also keep a note of all the books children are reading and what page they are on.

On Mondays, your children will be taught by Miss Sobey and she will be following her own teaching units, rather than trying to fit in with my learning sequence. This will make for a more consistent and smooth experience for the children.

I can't wait to see your children bloom over the coming year. I am really excited to have a new class and to make new relationships with you, too. If you need me at all, please send me a Dojo message and I will get back to you as soon as I see the notification.

Mr Hookes