

YEAR 4 AUTUMN TERM CURRICULUM NEWS

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. It is lovely to see all the children back safe and well after the holidays. This year has given us some very strange times and we now look forward to getting back into the routines of school, albeit with some minor changes to ensure we all stay safe and well!

This term Year 4 will be developing their skills through a topic based around the theme of 'Games'. The topic will have a strong history/geography/values/wellbeing focus but will allow opportunities to explore all other areas of the curriculum. In addition, after the disruption to schools, it is of course important to ensure that the children are happy, healthy and confident in school; as such activities will be planned to encourage this and allow children to settle back into school more easily.

Bags - Due to the current restrictions, there should be no need for your child to bring a bag to school. Pupils will need their water bottles and coat on daily basis and a lunchbox and sunhat as required.

Water Bottles - To help with our increased safety measures, we would like the children to bring in their own water bottle from home. Please can the bottles be plastic (re-useable if possible) be named clearly in a permanent pen. Your child will bring their bottle home each day for washing and refilling (water only please).

Stationery - Each child in the class will have their own school pencil case /stationery, so will not need to bring any in from home.

P.E/Games - PE/Games will be taught weekly on a **Thursday** morning. To avoid the need for bags / kit etc we ask that pupils wear their PE kit (including trainers) into school on their PE day. For Year 4 this will be a **Thursday**. Pupils will also need to ensure they have with them an extra drink on this day in a clearly labelled, plastic (re-useable if possible) drinks bottle.

Homework - Pupils will be able to access their homework via Google Classroom every Friday. This will need to be completed by the following Wednesday. The exception to this will be the pupils weekly spellings which will be sent via Google Classroom every Monday. Pupils will have a week to learn/practise their spellings before being tested the on their words the following week. Your support is appreciated with ensuring homework is presented neatly (as we would expect to see it presented in school), completed to the best of your child's ability and returned on time. **Homework will begin the week commencing 14th September.**

As I am sure you appreciate, due to the disrupted nature of the last academic year, this year is going to be a very important one for the children and as such they may require more support from home than in previous years. There are many ways in which you can help support your child at home including - daily reading, ensuring your child practises the multiplication tables (starting with the 2, 5, and 10 tables) daily, reinforcing the spelling of common words (lists can be found on the class webpage), assisting them with daily practice of telling the time (on analogue and digital clocks), ensuring your child knows their date of birth and address and completing any additional topic research.

If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Johnson.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Glover and Mrs Johnson