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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 4! We hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer. We are very much looking forward to working with your children this year and getting to know our new classes.

Just a quick reminder that registration times have changed. Children need to arrive in school between 8:40 and 8:50am. If you arrive later than 8.50am, you should bring your child into school via the office. We will be hosting a **'Coffee Morning' on Tuesday 12th September between 9:10am and 9:45am.** Here we will explain more about the year ahead and be able to discuss any questions from parents about the curriculum. Outlined below are expectations for Year 4 and overviews of topics that we will cover during the Autumn term.

Sensible Pencil cases

As you are aware, children in Year 3-6 need to bring their own pencil case (which **must** be able to fit in their trays) and supply their own equipment to use every day at school. The children only have space for one pencil case at their table.

Essential equipment for daily work includes:

- HB writing pencils
- colourless glue-stick
- small sharpener (preferably with a 'bin' attached)
- a rubber
- 30cm ruler (without hinges)
- colouring pencils

Please note that children are responsible for letting parents and carers know what needs to be replenished. KS2 class teachers are not provided with extra equipment to do unfortunately. **Glue sticks are particularly scarce and used in every lesson. If you have any concerns about providing these resources, please email the office.**

Homework

Children are expected to practise their reading, spellings and times tables daily. Your child will be given a purple homework book to practise in. *Please note, there is no requirement to hand these in.*

We recommend children spend 15 mins reading, 10 mins on spellings and 10 mins on times tables each day.

Reading - It is a school-wide expectation that children should read daily and that this is recorded in reading records (by the child or an adult). Children should bring in their reading records and take them home every day as they contain important log in details. When reading, please mark down the date, book title and the pages read. Record books will be monitored weekly by an adult.

Spellings - The children will continue to have daily spelling lessons to learn spelling rules with a dictation spelling test every Friday. Spelling rules will be sent home for each half-term. Practising writing their spellings at home as well as in-school is essential to help 'overlearn' spellings to maximise memorability.

Times Tables - It is important children practise their times tables and division facts daily in preparation for the 'The Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)' in June. **As a result, we would like children to spend 30 minutes a week on TT Rockstars or <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>** . Here, your child can practise the quantity and speed of questions similar to the MTC. Times table knowledge will be tested regularly in class.

PE - The children will have **outdoor P.E. on a Monday and indoor P.E. on Wednesdays**. Please ensure your child wears their PE clothing to school on these PE days and label all PE clothing with names and classes. Swimming will hopefully be taking place in the Spring term.

This year, we will be using **ClassDojo** to communicate any class notices (such as school trip information and class news) and pictures. ClassDojo also has a messaging feature for teacher-parent communications, however, please note that any pressing issues or concerns should not be shared here. Appointments to discuss any concerns should be made via the office and we will happily make time to see you.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 4 Team