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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Year 4 - September 2026

Welcome to Year 4. We want to make sure that you have all of the relevant information that you need to know, so that your child can have a smooth start to the academic year.

Teaching Team

We have 1 class Year 4

4G – Mrs Gardiner (Class Teacher)

Staff supporting throughout the week – Miss Hand

What to Bring to School Each Day

All children should come to school in school uniform and with a school bag. Pupils should bring a drink bottle (containing water only) and their reading folder, containing their reading book and diaries, every day. Please make sure **all** personal items and uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Reminder: Jewellery (apart from a **single stud** earring in each ear) should not be worn, although we would encourage the children to wear a wrist watch, as this helps with the teaching of time and is good preparation for middle school. Hair **must** be tied back at all times and any hair accessories need to be school colours (**blue/white**).

Arriving/Leaving School

Classrooms open at 08:50 and the children will be completing Start of Day Activities (SODA) during the registration period. Children must be in the classroom by 09:00 when registers are taken.

The school day ends at 15:30 and all children should be collected from the playground.

Topics

We would be grateful if you could support your child's learning by discussing with them what they have learnt in school. If your child has any items or books that are linked to our topics that the children wish to share with the class, these can be brought in to show. These are the **only** items that should be brought into school to 'show and tell'.

Our first Topic is 'The Stone Age'. We have arranged for an educational workshop to take place in October. Further details will be sent home. This will then be followed in the second half-term by 'European Adventure'.

In Science, the children will be learning all about Skeletons; Movement; Nutrition and diet; Food waste. In RE, we will be studying 'What kind of world did Jesus want?' and 'For Christians when Jesus left, what was the impact of the Pentecost?'. In computing, the children will learning about 'Systems and networks' and 'Stop-frame animations'.

In Music, the children will be learning to listen and respond to music and compose their own music.



Physical Education

Our PE days are as follows:

- Outdoor PE – Monday Afternoon – Bucket Ball
- Indoor PE - Wednesday Afternoon – Dance

Forest Schools

Our Forest School days will not be weekly as in previous years. A text will be sent home when FS clothing is required.

Home Learning

As a school, we believe that family time is extremely important and that onerous amounts of homework impact negatively upon this time. We do however recognise that it is important to prepare the pupils for the future, where there is an expectation for them to complete homework on a regular basis.

Reading – Daily reading with your child is vital for them to make the expected level of progress, both with their reading fluency and comprehension skills. Reading diaries should be completed each time you read with your child and should be sent into school daily. As part of our rewards, alongside other challenges throughout the year, children will be given two team points each week that they have read at home at least 3 times, 3 team points for at least 5 times and a gold star (worth 5 team points) if they have read every day. This must be recorded each time in their reading diaries. Class teachers will let your child know which day their reading diaries will be checked each week.

Multiplication Tables – The government expect all children to be able to recall their multiplication tables up to 12x12 by the end of their time in Year 4. These will be tested through the Year 4 National Multiplication check during the summer term. In preparation for this, all children in KS2 will complete a weekly multiplication test. Also, at home there is the TT Rockstars website – an online platform where children complete multiplication challenges to earn digital rewards. The site provides an excellent platform to prepare for the multiplication check and can be used at home. (The same username and password used for Numbots in Year 2 works for TTRockstars.)

Spelling – Please help your child to learn their spellings each week. These will be sent home on Fridays and tested on Thursdays. These spellings also form part of our English lessons during that week to ensure their understanding of the words and the spelling rule being taught.

Laches Wood Residential

Undoubtedly, one of the highlights of Year 4 is the residential visit to Laches Wood (26th January 2027). This is an experience that the children enjoy and where they will make many life-long memories. Please return the booking form by 30th September to secure a place for your child. Places will be finalised shortly, therefore if you have not returned the form please do so as soon as possible if you wish for your child to attend. There will be further information regarding the residential to follow. If you are unsure about your child attending the residential for any reason, please do get in touch. A parent information evening will be held in January.

Communication

If you have any queries or concerns about your child, then please speak to me in the first instance. However, when in class I cannot hold discussions with parents at the start of the school day as I am supervising the children. It is possible to arrange a telephone call during the day for urgent issues and also to leave messages via the school office.

I am so looking forward to working with our wonderful Year pupils. Please do contact me if you have any further questions regarding your child's time in KS2.

Yours sincerely
Mrs L Gardiner
Year 4 Class Teacher