Welcome to Year 4

Welcome to children and parents of Year 4. I am Mrs Bush and I am really looking forward to teaching your children this year. Mrs Zaidi will be the teaching assistant in class and Mr Halstead will teach on a Monday as I am not in school on this day.

Hopefully this letter will inform you of the key information for your child’s start to Year 4…

**P.E**

P.E lessons take place throughout the year but the days of these lessons changes half termly. Sometimes we have P.E specialist coaches who come to teach e.g. football skills, so it is a good idea to have P.E. kits in school every day. It is best if the children keep their kits in school for the half term and then they can be taken home for washing in the holidays.

Please ensure that your child has the correct kit. All children should have pumps, a white T-shirt and blue shorts. As outdoor P.E. is part of the curriculum it would be a good idea for the children to have jogging pants/leggings and a sweatshirt (preferably blue or black) for the colder weather. Please make sure they are all labelled clearly.

The children will also take part in Swimming lessons on a Wednesday afternoon – you should have received a separate letter about this in the post.

**Homework**

Year 4 children will bring home homework on a Friday and it should be returned on a Tuesday. It is important that you encourage and support your children with their homework but do not do it for them. Homework will be a way of consolidating learning that has taken place in class, or may be a ‘pre learning’ task that will support the children’s learning the following week. I would hate to think of children getting upset about their homework - we will do our best to ensure the homework is set at the appropriate level for your child however if it does cause upset please don’t worry and let somebody know on the Monday so your child can be offered some help in class ready for the homework to be handed in on the Tuesday.

**Spellings**

Children may also have a spelling list sent home on Mondays. Please help them to learn these spellings, which will then be assessed on the Friday of the same week.

**Reading Books**

All children will read in school each week at some point and so it is important that the children have their books in school **every day**. Children should, ideally, read at home each day and it is important that you indicate and sign the pages read in the reading record book. Please feel free to comment on your child’s reading too. Please keep reading books in a school reading book bag to keep clean and dry.

**Uniform**

Please make sure **ALL** items of clothing, including P.E kits, are clearly labeled with your child’s name.

**Attendance and Lateness**

It is essential that children are in school on time. Many lessons begin at 9.00 a.m. and if your child is late then they miss important explanations. Please make school aware of who will be collecting your child at the end of the day, if this is different from normal.

We hope that the children have a fantastic time in Year 4. There are many exciting things to look forward to - including lots of interesting topics such as The Romans and Roald Dahl’s The Witches and many special events, including class assemblies, Christmas activities, family learning workshops and much, much more!

If you would ever like to see me please do not hesitate to make an appointment, send a note or make a phone call- I will make sure I get back in touch with you as fast as I can. The most important thing is your children are happy coming to school and enjoy their learning and I will do my upmost to ensure this happens.

 Here’s to a wonderful year, I look forward to working with you and your children.

Warm Regards,

Mrs. K Bush