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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year Four!

I am writing to introduce the Year Four team and explain what we are going to be teaching up until Christmas. Our topic this term is called 'Time Travellers' which links our English, History and Art curriculum primarily and focuses mainly on the Anglo Saxons.

Meet the team

Miss Macdonald – Class Teacher
Mrs Bram and Mrs Lannigan - Teaching Assistants

Year Four Autumn Curriculum

English
We will be covering a range of genres this term, starting with poetry where we will be focussing on creating images using descriptive language. This will feed into a longer unit of work looking at 'Stories Set in Imaginary Worlds'. Our focus text this term will be 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' by C.S. Lewis, and the children will be focusing on the author's use of language to create fantastic settings and larger than life characters. They will have the opportunity to apply some of these techniques within their own stories. Later in the term, we will look at some non-fiction writing, including children writing their own non-chronological reports based on sound, including all the key information we will have learnt in our science lessons.
Mathematics
We will begin this term with a focus on the place value of 4-digit numbers whilst recapping and revising previous learning. From here, children will then develop a range of mental and written strategies for the four operations of number before applying these to real life worded problems. This will enable children to extend their mathematical vocabulary and understanding of what maths looks like on a daily basis. It would be enormously helpful if children could practice their times tables at home using Times Table Rock Stars as often as possible.
Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE)
This term, we will begin by looking at the SCARF unit 'Being my best' where the children will set themselves goals and explore ways to express emotions and resolve conflicts. Our second PSHE unit is entitled 'Me and My Relationships' where we will be looking at what makes a healthy relationship and how to develop and maintain these. In Term 2, the children will also be completing work as part of SCIB looking at substance misuse. In Year 4, we will focus on smoking and vaping and the children will explore the effects on their immediate and future health and safety, alongside identifying why some products have age restrictions.

To find out what we are learning in all the other subject areas please look at the '**Knowledge Organisers**' which can be found on the school website and the class blog.

What homework to expect and when

Your child will be set weekly homework tasks on Fridays, due in the following Thursday, giving families the option of completing the tasks midweek or at the weekend.

- A spelling or grammar activity, designed to support, practise, or revisit something we have learned in class will be given weekly. Every other week, a spelling list will be given in preparation for a test the following week.

- In Maths, the children will be given an activity linked to class work one week and the next week a multiplication focused task, either using Times Table Rockstars or an activity sheet.

Ways you can help your child

- Hearing your child read for 15 minutes a day for 5 days per week is recommended so that children are able to consistently practice their reading skills and develop a love for reading through exploring different books/stories.
- Please share and discuss the knowledge organisers for this term, looking at the vocabulary to support their learning.
- Please ensure that your child is frequently practising their times tables, either on paper or by playing a times table themed game such as Times Table Rockstars.

PE days

We have two outdoor PE sessions for the Autumn term and they will take place on Monday and Thursday. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate kit for both sessions. This consists of trainers, a plain white polo t-shirt and navy shorts for indoor sessions, with the addition of a navy sweatshirt and jogging bottoms for outdoor lessons.

Term 1 and 2 shared lessons

Over the next two terms, we would like to invite you to share your child's learning with them through some exciting 'shared lessons'. We will be starting with a Reading shared lesson and in term 2 we will be creating Winter Crafts. We can confirm that these shared lessons will take place on Wednesday 15th October at 8:45am – 9:45am and Thursday 11th December at 2pm – 3pm.

Class assembly

Our class assembly will be on Friday 5th December, starting promptly at 2:30pm. We would love you to join us. Please do not bring toddlers and babies if they are going to be a distraction for the children performing.

Finally, please remember to visit our blog regularly at: <https://classroom.google.com> or via the app. This is a great way to find out what we have been up to in our class.

I look forward to working in partnership with you all this year.

Best wishes,

Miss Macdonald (Class Teacher)