



September 2018

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome to Class 4, I hope you have had an enjoyable summer. I am looking forward to working with your children and having a fun filled year.

The focus in class will be on the children having a growth mindset, always working *their* hardest and achieving *their* best, whatever that may be. I have no doubt that great achievements will be made throughout the year as I have heard some wonderful things about this class.

Below is an outline of the things that will be happening for the following term.

Reading

Reading is, as always, an important focus for us. Children should read **four times a week at least**. Your child can write in their Home/School Diary when they read, but it must be signed by an adult at home every week. I will be taking diaries in on a **Monday morning** to check reading is happening. Please ensure that your child has their reading book and Home/School Diary with them **every day**.

Homework

Homework will be given to the children **every Tuesday**, to be completed for the **following Monday**, giving everyone virtually a full week to finish it. Homework tasks should take up to 30 minutes and will either be Literacy or Numeracy based.

If your child is unable to complete their homework due to unforeseen circumstances, then please do send them in with a note. Homework is given to extend children's learning from the classroom, so it is important that is completed.

Some children may have additional handwriting homework to help them with their joining. All children have been provided with a pen (which has caused great excitement) however, if handwriting becomes untidy it may be deemed necessary for your child to use a pencil in their books until they have practiced further.

Spellings

Spellings will be given out **every Tuesday** and a spelling test will be carried out the **following Tuesday**. The number of words has now increased to 20 for the vast majority of children. Children are expected to practice their spellings regularly. They can use the sheets to practice or find other exciting ways to learn. Spellings will be sent home in a plastic wallet with their name on, the wallets need to be returned in the homework book on a Monday (sheets do not need to be returned)

PE

Class 4 will be taking part in tag rugby and skills based sessions this half term on **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** respectively. Please ensure that your child has **school** PE kit on these days, as tag rugby will be outside (weather permitting) tracksuit bottoms and top are advisable. Could you also please ensure that girls come to school with hair tied back on PE days, or have a bobble available so that they can tie it back themselves. Children will not be permitted to wear jewellery during PE lessons so please ensure that your child can remove any earrings.

Brass lessons

Beginning next week (21st September) brass lessons will commence in Class 4. These will be led by a teacher from the music service. Over the next few weeks the children will try out the various brass instruments and they will then have an instrument allocated to them. Instruments will be brought home and the children will be expected to practise. This is an exciting opportunity for the children to learn an instrument and we hope that you will support them at home. As of yet, the day for brass has not been confirmed but I will inform you as soon as we know.

If you have any concerns or questions about anything or would just like to come in and say 'hello' please feel free to do so or pop a note into the home school diary but please ensure you let your child know that they need to hand it in to me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Parker