



January 2019

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope everyone has had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed the two week break. I would like to take this opportunity to let you know about things that are coming up this term.

We are all used to the expectations of Class 4 now. We are producing more work, and it is of a higher quality, so I am really pleased with the class's work ethic. Let's keep it up this term! This is quite a short term with so many exciting things to pack into it. The children are looking forward to learning all about rivers and creating their own Modroc river!

Reading

As ever, reading remains important. Children should read **four times a week**, at least. Please ensure that your child records their reading in Home/School Diaries, and that it is signed by an adult at home every week. I will continue to take diaries in on a **Monday**. Individual and guided reading takes place throughout the week in school, so please ensure your child has their reading book and diary with them **every day**.

Homework

Homework tasks will continue to be given out **every Tuesday**, to be completed for the **following Monday**. These tasks should take up to 30 minutes and will be based on curriculum activities completed in class. Please do send a note in with your child if they cannot complete their homework due to unforeseen circumstances. Please can I request your support in reminding the children of the importance of completing homework to a good standard and using pencil or black pen dependent on the task.

Spellings

Like homework, spellings will be given **every Tuesday** for a test the **following Tuesday**. I am delighted with how many children achieved their Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum Spelling Challenges and we even had some Mega-Mix spellers last term. There are also a large number of children who are painfully close to getting their next award... I am confident that with continued hard work and practice, Class 4 will be littered with super spellers, with the certificates to prove it! You can do it, Class 4!

Times Tables

It is really important that the children practice their times tables on a regular basis, we suggest at least 3 times a week. This can be done in a variety of ways such as quick fire questions, completing grids or online games. The expectation is that by the end of Year 4 all children know their tables up to 12 x 12 at speed and out of order. If you need any help choosing ways to help your child learn these please let me know.

PE

Class 4 will be taking part in invasion games and Real PE this half term on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. Please can children have correct PE kits (tracksuit bottoms and tops are a good idea as we will be taking part in outdoor sports) on these days. May I also request that children with earrings do not wear them on PE days or are confident to take them in and out without support.

Brass lessons

Brass lessons will be continuing on a Thursday morning. The children have made so much progress and sound fabulous already. They are really looking forward to performing to you all at the end of this term. Please encourage your child to practise and bring their instruments in every week.

As always, feel free to pop in if there is anything I can help with, or write a note in your child's Home/School Diary. Let's make this term as successful as the last!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Parker