



January 2018

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 really getting 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 Ancient Egypt.

Reading

As ever, reading remains important. Children should read **four times a week** at least. Please ensure that either you or your child record 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**. However, individual and guided reading takes place throughout the week, 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 Friday**, to be completed for the **following Thursday**. 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 Friday** for a test the **following Friday**. I am delighted with how many children achieved their Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum Spelling Challenges 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!

PE

Class 4 will be taking part in invasion games and dance 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