Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Class 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back into school. Class 4 have had a great first week and we are looking forward delving into our new topics next week. You will find a curriculum sheet attached that tells you what we will be covering in each subject for the autumn term and ways in which you can enhance and support your child's learning.

As always, we are continuing to ensure that the children form a love of reading and read regularly for their own enjoyment. Your encouragement to get them reading, along with asking them questions about what they are reading and listening to them read, will really help them to adopt this positive reading behaviour. Equally, these conversation about their book will really help them to gain a good understanding of the text. They will each be given a bookmark with some question/ideas for you to use. I expect each child to record their own reading in their reading diaries, which will need to be signed by an adult and brought in every day.

As well as establishing regular reading habits, please ensure your child practises their multiplication and division facts through TT Rockstars. Times table knowledge is essential to support your child across all aspects of their maths work. Accessing their weekly allocated sessions on TT Rockstars will really help them to become fluent in their knowledge. A username and password will be sent home with your child.

We will be continuing to use Century Tech which is a fantastic resource to identify and close gaps in learning by providing an individualised and tailored set of tasks for each child. This is used in class but is also part of their homework. There will always be tasks for English, maths and science on their recommended pathway even if there are no assignments set. I can see when and for how long children are accessing this, along with their results, so please make sure that they are accessing this regularly at home. I will be checking every Wednesday.

Each half term Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) will be given to your child to practise and learn at home. These include practical ideas for you to assist your child in gaining fluency. It is important that they know these thoroughly and can recall specific facts instantly.

We will also be having weekly spelling tests, covering the statutory spellings for your child's year group. Working with your child to practise their spellings will help them to become familiar with new vocabulary and will enhance their writing.

SATs for the year 6 children will be taking place in the week beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023. More information will be shared nearer the time but if you do have any questions please come and see me.

As per the letter sent out before the end of term, we will be trialling wearing PE kits to school this term. Class 4 will have their PE sessions on a **Monday** and **Thursday** so will need to wear the correct kit on these days unless told otherwise. To ensure the children continue to look smart they will need to make sure they follow the school's uniform policy. Swimming will also be taking place this term for Class 4 and more information will be coming out shortly regarding this. As well as providing the appropriate sports kits, it is also essential that children have an apron or shirt for artwork, due to the messy nature of the subject!

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely,

Mrs Johnson and Mrs Laverick