

6th September 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing break over the summer! I'm very much looking forward to seeing the year 4s after the summer and also welcoming our new year 3s and getting to know them better. Our year 4 children will be familiar with some of the below but some of it is new so please have a quick read below so we are all on the same page.

We will continue to use TTRS (TimesTablesRockStars) as an aid for learning times tables. The majority of the children love it and it adds a healthy competitiveness to their maths learning. We have also seen some really amazing progress in recent years! Times tables are the foundation for a lot of deeper mathematics so these skills really are crucial, as well as helping prepare for the relatively new statutory Multiplication Tables Check at the end of year 4.

CenturyTech has been a really useful tool for reinforcing and extending children's learning so we will continue to provide access to this as well as an online spelling practise program, all of which your child will be given access to in the next few days and details will be found in their home/school diary cover. Please don't hesitate to ask if there are any issues.

We also continue to use Google Classroom in school and your child's log in will again be in their home/school diary.

It is very important that children continue to read from a wide range of material including fiction, non-fiction and poetry. It is expected that your child reads at home to an adult or older sibling, daily, for approximately 15 minutes. It is so worthwhile when you question your child about what they have just read to you to check and build on their understanding.

P.E. kits will still need to be worn into school on the days we have P.E. and the children will remain in them all day. In Class 3, our **P.E. days will be a Wednesday and a Thursday**, and children will need to come to school in their kit but with their normal school jumper. Swimming for Class 3 should take place later in the year so more details will be given out nearer the time. 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!

May I also remind you that the children are welcome to bring fruit or vegetables from home to eat at break time. Nuts are not permitted in any form due to nut allergies. We would like to encourage all children to bring a named water bottle which can be refilled as necessary.

As always, if you require any further information or have any queries or concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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