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Year 4

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year. I hope you have all had a lovely summer and that your child is feeling relaxed and prepared for the Autumn Term. Please find below information that may be of use for this term.

During the first couple of weeks, we will re-establish routines and will revisit behaviour expectations for the coming year. We will be creating a Class Charter that links to the 'United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child,' so that children can become more familiar with their rights and of what they can do to ensure that others enjoy theirs. It is important that they feel safe and happy coming to school, so please encourage them to talk to me if they ever have any worries or concerns.

English

This term, we will be reading 'Aesop's Fables' by Michael Rosen and will be writing our own versions, using expanded noun phrases and conjunctions. We will also be reading 'Beowulf' by Rob Lloyd Jones and we will use the structure of this text to help us write our own legends. In addition, we will do some non-fiction writing, with a focus on explanations. We will continue to focus on developing and extending our vocabulary this year. You can support with this by reading to your child at home, and by exploring any new and interesting vocabulary that you meet.

We will continue to work on handwriting throughout Year 4, so that children can become more confident in using joins, with consistently sized letters and clear ascenders and descenders.

Maths

In Maths, we will start the term by looking at the place value of numbers to 10,000. Children will be learning to read, write and order these numbers, so that they have a good understanding of the value of each digit. We will then focus on addition and subtraction, where children will add and subtract numbers with up to four digits. We will then move on to practice multiplication and division, where the children will learn to multiply and divide numbers by 10 and 100. On a Friday, we will have a focus on measurement, including measuring length and perimeter.

Times Tables- by the end of Year 4, children are expected to know all multiplication and division facts for times tables up to 12x12. We will begin the year by recapping on x2, x5, x10 and x3, x4, x8, before moving on to x6, x7 and x9.

Computing

The use of ICT will be very much a part of our everyday learning in school. This term, in Computing we will develop further the work the children did using Scratch last year. We will also use the Internet for research purposes and continue to update the children with relevant learning about e-safety.

Other Subjects

This term will be developing our skills as historians through the topic of 'Invaders and Settlers.' In this unit, children will learn about Viking Invasions. They will become more familiar with the type of settlements that were formed and will investigate their impact on life as we know it today.

Our second topic will have a Geography focus, where we will explore settlements in more detail, with particular reference to Sheffield.

In Science, our first topic is 'Animals, including humans' where children will learn about the human digestive system, diet and food chains. In the second half-term, we will focus on 'Electricity.' In this unit, children will learn to identify ways in which electricity is used, as well as the dangers associated with its use. They will make a simple circuit and will investigate ways of trouble-shooting circuits that aren't functioning as they should.

Our PE sessions will take place on a Tuesday and Thursday this term. On these days children need to come to school wearing their PE kit (Navy shorts, navy polo shirt and tracksuit) and trainers. For PE lessons they will remove their tracksuit bottoms, so do need to wear shorts.

Homework

It is very important that the children start to develop good attitudes and practices towards homework. A little each night is much better than leaving it to the last minute.

Reading - children are asked to read every evening for at least fifteen minutes. This can be their school library book or a book of their choice. Please record a **signature** from an adult in their Reading Record to acknowledge that you have heard/seen them read.

Spellings – Spellings will be set weekly. Each week, we will focus on a different spelling rule and this will be explained in their spelling lesson. **They will get their new spellings on a Friday and these will be tested the following Friday.** Please support your child with practising their spellings each night.

Maths: Times Tables Rock Stars should be accessed at home as part of your child's homework at least three times per week. There is a free app which can be downloaded or a laptop or PC can be used. In addition, children can practise writing and saying their times tables aloud. 'Little and often' is the best way to ensure that children commit these to their long-term memory. **Our times table test will also be on a Friday and will test the times table that we have been practising for that week.**

Additional Information

- I am in school, but not in class on a Friday, so Mrs White will be teaching the class on this day.
- Jumpers and cardigans can go missing very easily, so please ensure that they are clearly marked with your child's name.
- This year KS2 children **do not need** to bring in a spare pair of trainers for the field.

I hope that you have found the above information useful. I look forward to getting to know your children better in the weeks and months ahead, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or questions throughout the term.

Kind Regards,

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