



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a fantastic Summer Holiday and are well rested ready for the return to school for our year together in Year 4. Myself and Ms Watson are very much looking forward to welcoming you to the classroom that will be your base for the next year.

Our learning journey up until Christmas will see us reading Arthur and the Golden Rope, Oliver and the Seawigs, Charlotte's Web and Secrets of a Sun King as our core class texts. We will be using these to write for a range of purposes including newspapers, diaries, comics, non-chronological reports and fantasy stories. In maths, our core focus will be on number and we will cover place value, addition and subtraction and multiplication and division ensuring we can embed understanding of these core units. Our Geography will see us exploring Europe and History will take us to Ancient Egypt!

Across our other subjects we will be looking at: networks and podcasts in computing, Judaism and Incarnation in RE, musical structures and ukulele lessons in music (as well as learning about our class composer, Gustav Holst), drawing and slingshot cars in Art and DT and finally presenting ourselves and our families in French.

In Science, we will begin by learning about the skeleton, movement of bodies and nutrition and diet before beginning our unit on rocks.

This term we also have our class assembly and our overnight winter residential to Viney Hill!

Home Learning - Homework will be set on a Wednesday and due in the following Tuesday via Homework books – we will then mark and go through any methods in school each Tuesday. This will alternate between a maths task to embed something we have already learned and a reading task to practice reading comprehension.

Times Tables Rockstars – Children are encouraged to use TTRS for practicing their times tables every day where possible for 5 minutes. Garage is useful to test children on times tables the algorithm has deemed need practice. It is also useful for your child to complete a weekly Sound Check game as this is very similar to the multiplication check they will face in June. Log ins will remain the same as last year but if you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Reading – Reading records are expected in and updated every day with an indication of what has been read and how much (page numbers noted) along with a small comment either from an adult or from the child themselves regarding what they have read. While we allow the children to read independently and mark this in their reading record, it is still beneficial for children to continue to read aloud to an adult to develop fluency, flow and expression in them becoming story tellers.

General Reminders...

Forest School sessions: 12th September, 11th October and 22nd November

PE on Mondays

Class assembly: Tuesday 21st November 9am followed by our first stay and share session until 10.30am. (A chance for you to look at the books with your child).

Viney Hill: Thursday 30th November to Friday 1st December.