



The Firs

Lower School



8th September, 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a good summer break and your children have enjoyed their first few days in Year 4.

We have written some notes for parents below which we hope will be useful to you:

Communication Books

The children will continue to use their Fish Book this year to support the communication between home and school. If you wish to contact us or inform us of anything, please write a note in the book and ask your child to show it to their teacher. We will communicate with parents through the book too, where appropriate.

Reading

We encourage all the children to change their own reading books. Free readers can choose directly from the shelves outside the year 4 classrooms. Children on our reading programme can select books at the appropriate level from our book room. Books can be changed on any day of the week.

Uniform

We would be grateful if you could ensure that all your children's uniform and school equipment is named. In this way we can get lost property items back to their owners.

PE

Much of the PE will take place outside, with Tag Rugby, Netball and Football being taught. We are keen to encourage a positive attitude towards sports and exercise, therefore could children please bring in some cold/wet weather clothes. Thanks.

Homework

We will be sending home the 'Home Learning Zone' sheet next week, which will set out the homework tasks for the term. The tasks will be linked to curriculum areas for this term in some way and provide the children with the opportunity to research and think more deeply about some aspects. The idea is that you can choose when to do each task, so that it fits in with your family life. Last year, parents and children gave us very positive feedback about this approach and we were absolutely astounded by the fantastic work that the children did at home, so we are looking forward to the super work we will be seeing this year too!

Year 4 needs you!

Do you have any free time? Do you have any skills or interests you would like to share with the children? (i.e. gardening, sewing etc.) If so, we would very much like to hear from you. The support of parents is

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invaluable to our children and their learning. So, if you would like to hear readers or any other activities we would very much welcome your support!

Finally, we would like to welcome you and your child into year 4. If you wish to discuss anything with us please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your support.
The Year 4 Team