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Dear Parents / Carers of Class 4,

Welcome back. I hope you and your families had an enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday and your children are raring to get going with the new school year. We have a busy year ahead of us with lots of exciting learning opportunities planned. Our first topic in the Autumn Term is **The Stone Age to the Iron Age**. More details of what we will be learning this term are set out in the attached C4 Curriculum Plan. To enrich the children's learning, we have planned a trip to Flag Fen on Tuesday 10th November.

Our school website contains a wealth of information about the school. If you have a special interest in any of the areas to be covered this term, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Google Classroom / Homework

We will continue to use Google Classroom to support learning in class. I will also be using this platform for setting homework. Homework will be set on Fridays, to be turned in by the following Wednesday. Please encourage and support your child to complete this. Two or three pieces of homework will usually be set (with the focus alternating between English/ Maths/ Science/ Topic). It should take around one hour to complete, alongside 15-20 minutes of daily reading and regular practice of times tables and target spellings. Times Table Rockstars and SpellingFrame will be used again - usernames / passwords will be shared shortly if you do not already have these. In a few weeks, the weekly Special Person card will also be shared through Google Classroom with every child taking a turn over the year to be 'Special Person'; please encourage your child to add a positive comment about the chosen person to the electronic document at home each week.

Reading

Encouraging a habit of regular reading is probably the most important way in which you can support your child's learning. Each child will choose a book from the class library to read in school and they can also take this book (or another one) home to read - alternatively, children are also welcome to bring in a book they are reading at home if they prefer. Where appropriate, we will help select a book for your child. It would be great if children can read each and every day at home and try different genres and authors.



There will also be opportunities to conduct and present research into the topic, book or author recommendations or areas of special interest in class, either in writing, through a powerpoint or through a verbal presentation.

Class 4 PE days / Timetable

We will have outdoor PE on **Monday** and **Wednesday** afternoons this term. Children should come to school in school PE kits on these days, including trainers. A full outdoor kit (tracksuit bottoms, jumper and trainers) is needed when the weather turns colder. All jewellery (including earrings, watches and fitness trackers) must be removed for PE and long hair should be tied up.

In the Autumn Term, we will be doing Forest School on a roughly fortnightly basis. A separate email will be sent shortly about the dates and essential clothing requirements for Forest School. If you are able to help out, please do get in touch as we would definitely welcome some additional helpers.

For the first half term, Mrs Lungley will be teaching the children RE and PHSE on Tuesday afternoons. In the second half term, Mrs Lungley will teach PHSE, RE and Spelling on Tuesday mornings.

Equipment

As last year, children will be given their own individual pack of stationery which will remain in school. Please can all children bring in a **named refillable water bottle**. Due to space constraints, school bags are not usually needed day to day, but if you are wanting your child to bring in a bag regularly then please use the red school satchel as per the uniform expectations list. Rucksacks should **not** be brought into school unless otherwise advised for specific events. Please also ensure that **all** school clothing is named (including shoes, coats, hats, PE kits) as it helps us to identify and return lost clothing!

Lunches / snacks

School lunches should be pre-ordered online via ParentPay. Please ensure that any packed lunch boxes are clearly labelled on the outside with your child's name. They will be kept on the trolley outside our classroom. Children can also bring a healthy snack to eat at breaktime.

Please encourage your child to share concerns with us during the school day, rather than going home with worries that could have been resolved immediately. If there is anything you wish to discuss, please see me at the end of the day at pick-up or make an appointment. However small the problem, it is always better to deal with any worries straight away!

Many thanks for your continued support. I'm sure we will have an amazing academic year together, with lots of exciting learning opportunities.

Best wishes,

Clare Chen
Class 4 Teacher

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