



10th September 2020

Dear Parent or Carer,

Welcome back to the Autumn term and Earth Class. We hope you have had a fabulous summer and are feeling refreshed for the new academic year. It is great to be able to welcome all of the children back into the school after such an uncertain time. School will be a little different for the children but we are sure that they will settle into their new routines quickly.

We will be sending out an overview of the main topics and subject we will be covering this term at the start of next week.

Timetable:

As you are aware, Mrs Clements and Mrs North will be sharing the teaching in Earth Class. Mrs Clements and Mrs North will be in class on the following days:

Mrs Clements – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Mrs North – Thursday and Friday

Mrs Church will be teaching the class on a Wednesday afternoon and Mrs MacMillan and Mrs Funnell will be helping support Year 4 this year.

Arrival and end of day at school:

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the school gates open at 8:40 for year 4 and the end of day is 3:20. It is important that we stick to these timings to allow for social distancing from other children who are not in our bubble. In order to encourage the children's independence in organising their belongings and to reduce the number of people on site, we would ask you to say goodbye to your child at the school gate if possible. Please pass on urgent messages through a note sent with your child and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Allergies:

A reminder that nuts and strawberries are not allowed in school.

Homework:

All homework will be set on Google Classrooms on a Friday and will need to be completed by the following Wednesday. Homework will not begin immediately as we want to give children the chance to settle back into school life. We will let you know once this is up and running.

Once home work has begun the following tasks will be set each week:

- Spellings – your child will be given spellings to learn each week. The weekly spelling test will take place every Thursday.
- Times tables – Children need to practise their times tables, which will be tested on a Monday morning. Children can practise their times tables on TTRockstars; all children have a login to this fantastic online resource so they can practise regularly at home as well as school.
- English and maths – Either a piece of English **or** maths will be set each week. Maths will be an online activity, related to their current learning, (usually Education City) which can be accessed

through the school website. Your child's log-in details will be given in their reading record. English will be a grammar-based activity.

- Reading – This should be on a daily basis. If your child reads independently. Please encourage them to discuss their reading with you so you can check their understanding. Please also listen to your child read regularly so you can check their fluency and expression, recording that you have listened to them read in their home reading diary. We are also encouraging children to write in their reading diary whenever they read, including on Bug Club, so we can see how well they are doing and award house points appropriately. This year, we will record any reading completed at school in a different reading record, which will stay in school. We will continue to monitor reading through Accelerated Reader, where the children will take a quiz on each book they have read. Please ensure your child brings their book bag into school every day. Reading records will be checked regularly and children will change their own books during the school day.

Uniform:

Please ensure that your child comes to school in the correct school uniform including black school shoes. As Health and Safety is so important these days, we ask that all jewellery is kept at home with the exception of stud earrings which must be removed or covered with tape during PE lessons. It would be preferred that children with long hair wear it tied back. Please note that the wearing of nail varnish is not permitted in school. Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled. If your child is unable to wear full uniform for any reason, please let us know.

PE:

Due to the current situation, the children will need to come into school in their PE kits (including a school jumper) on the days they have PE. Year 4 PE lessons will take place on Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Kit List:

- Plain white t-shirt and plain dark shorts.
- A school jumper
- Trainers or plimsolls

(Dark tracksuit trousers may be worn in the colder months)

Medical issues:

If your child needs medicine administering, please see the office and complete a form.

Thank you for your continued support, we are really looking forward to an exciting and productive year.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Clements and Mrs North.