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Within the love of God, working together, growing together, for all to flourish.

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the new school year and to Year 4! We hope you all had a wonderful summer and are feeling refreshed and ready for the exciting term ahead. It is a pleasure welcoming the children back, and we are confident they will quickly settle into the new routines and challenges that Year 4 brings.

This year promises to be a busy and rewarding one, full of opportunities for learning, creativity and growth. Alongside our core subjects, we will be exploring a range of engaging topics designed to inspire curiosity and build confidence. An overview of the curriculum for this term is included with this letter, so you can see the key areas of learning we will be covering.

Our Year 4 Team

We are delighted to be working with your children this year. The class will be taught by Mrs Clements (Monday–Tuesday) and Mrs Tovagliari (Wednesday–Friday), with support from Mrs Woodcock during the mornings. Mrs Marles will be teaching the class when Mrs Tovagliari has her PPA on a Thursday afternoon.

Key Reminders

- **Start & end of the day:** Gates open at 8:50am; registration begins at 9:00am. School finishes at 3:30pm. Please encourage your child to enter independently and be ready for the day.

- **Homework:** Set each Friday via Google Classroom, due the following Wednesday (times tables, spellings, English/maths task, and daily reading). **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. They may also be given a sheet to help them practise their individual times table.

- **Spellings** – This year, in KS2, the children will each have a list of spellings to learn on a weekly basis included in their homework. The children will be tested on these spellings in school on a Friday morning. The children will need to practise these spellings at home in preparation for this.

- **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. Details of logins for online platforms can be found in your child's reading record. We will also be encouraging the children to regularly access

Numbots (which has the same log-in as TTRockstars) to practise their key facts in maths and develop their fluency. 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 reading diary. We are also encouraging children to write in their reading diary whenever they read, including when they read home books. 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 books and reading record into school every day. Children are expected to change their own books during school time.

- **PE days:** Monday and Friday – please ensure children come to school in their PE kit on these days.
- **Uniform:** Please make sure all items are clearly named. Jewellery should be left at home (stud earrings only, taped or removed for PE). Long hair must be tied back.
- **Reading:** We encourage children to read daily, record their progress in their reading diary, and share their books at home to support fluency and understanding.

Looking Ahead

This year, we are continuing with our "Book Club" on Friday mornings, where children will have the opportunity to share a book they have enjoyed with their classmates. This is a lovely way to nurture a love of reading and to develop confidence in speaking and listening. A rota for this will be shared with you soon.

We are very excited about the year ahead and look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child's progress and wellbeing. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to us – a member of staff will always be available at the Year 3/4 door in the mornings, or messages can be passed through the office.

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to a successful and happy year in Year 4.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Clements & Mrs Tovagliari