



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year Four!

We have absolutely loved getting to know the children these first weeks and can't wait to continue getting stuck into the learning we have in store for the rest of this term. We have put some information together in this letter to tell you about some of our routines and expectations in Year Four.

Routines

We operate an open classroom policy and welcome the opportunity to discuss your child's progress. If you wish to, please arrange a meeting with your child's teacher by contacting the office or by speaking to them at the end of the day.

Playtime snacks – Year Four are not provided with free fruit, but they do get very hungry by playtime, so it is a good idea to send them to school with a small healthy snack to eat.

General information :

Reading books – Children take responsibility for choosing and changing their own home reading book. Two reading books can be taken out at a time and regular reading with your child will make a tremendous difference to their rate of progress. It is expected that they will have their reading book at school with them **every day**.

Library books – Your child will be given time each day to change their reading book in the library, if necessary. If they finish their book, they will be able to undertake a quiz on Accelerated Reader at school in the morning before they can change it.

Homework challenges – In Key Stage Two, we set homework on Sparx. Each week, we will set homework on Fridays, which should be submitted the following **Friday**. Children should read at home every day and engage with Sparx times tables as often as possible. A secure knowledge of the times tables will support them throughout their Maths learning this year. The children have been given letters with their Sparx logins to take home to support them to access their homework tasks. Please contact your child's teacher if you have a problem accessing their accounts.

P.E is a regular part of our curriculum. Therefore, please ensure your child wears a suitable kit to school on **Mondays**. Each week in Year Four, the children take part in swimming lessons at Quayside Leisure Centre. Please ensure your child brings suitable swimming kit to school each **Wednesday**. Please can your child bring a **coat** every day, as we go outside whenever possible.

Rewards and Celebrations

In our classes, we have a positive reward system for which we use a class recognition board to recognise our school values and when the children do something well. In addition, children who are applying themselves effectively in their learning and making an exceptional effort are awarded with a gold leaf which is displayed in our school entrance hall. Those selected for demonstrating our school values become our CARE champion and are recognised in our weekly newsletter.



We hope you have found this letter useful. Further information and important dates can be found on our weekly newsletter. Please do not hesitate to come and see us at the end of the day if you have any queries.

Miss Thom and Ms Rowe (Class teachers)

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