



14<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have enjoyed a restful summer and your child has returned refreshed ready for the busy but exciting term ahead.

The information in this letter is intended to advise and remind you of the expectations in Year 4. We would like to develop a working partnership with you to enable your child to reach their full potential. The Year 4 team are here to help and support you and your child at Templewood School.

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**Teaching Assistant** – Mrs Sharon Irvine

Parent Surgery

Please encourage your child to share concerns with us during the school day, as we would try to resolve them immediately, rather than going home with worries. If you have any problems please let us know via the Home-School link book or book an appointment for our Tuesday parent surgery. However small the problem, it is always better to deal with any concerns immediately.

Autumn Term Curriculum Coverage

The following outlines some of the curriculum activities that the children will be working on this term:

Subject	Content
<b>Literacy</b>	Myths and Legends Poetry – kennings and riddles Explanations Story settings Reports
<b>Mathematics</b>	Number, place value and rounding; mental strategies for +, -, x and ÷; measurement; written methods for +, -, x and ÷; factor pairs, problem solving, measure, discrete and continuous data, perimeter
<b>Science</b>	Sound vibrations & features Electricity
<b>ICT</b>	We are software developers
<b>Art</b>	None this term
<b>Design and Technology</b>	Musical instruments & brooches
<b>History/Geography</b>	Anglo-Saxons / mapwork
<b>RE</b>	Hindu worship; advent & Christmas around the World



<b>PE</b>	Swimming, net/wall games & dance
<b>Music</b>	Sound, structure, notation & composition
<b>PSHE</b>	Health and wellbeing
<b>French</b>	All Aboard / Pocket Money

### Learning Logs & Homework

#### Reading

Children are expected to read aloud to an adult at least twice a week in addition to reading independently at least three times a week. This is to be recorded in their Home-School Link books which will be checked on Mondays.

#### Spelling

Children will be issued with spellings on a Monday which they must learn for a test on the Friday. Children should practise their spellings frequently throughout the week by looking, covering, writing and then checking. They should then choose 5 words to put into sentences.

#### Mathematics

We are currently looking into new strategies for practising times tables in school this year. Whilst we are choosing which would work most effectively, we shall be recalling times tables mentally throughout the week. At the end of Year 4 the expectation is that they know all the times tables to 12. If you can please practice them at home it will really benefit their maths learning.

Weekly activities will also be set on Mathletics linked to our learning in school.

#### Learning Log

The topics of this will vary from week to week according to our subject focus. Each week there will be an activity linked to our topic work as well as an activity on Mathletics for the children to complete. Learning Logs will be given out on a Thursday and must be handed in on the following Tuesday. It should take children approximately 30 minutes to complete.

#### PE

PE lessons are on Thursday, although your child needs to have a labelled PE kit in school at all times. PE kit is: black shorts, white t-shirt, outdoor trainers & dark tracksuit bottoms. If the children do not have their PE kit, they will be unable to take an active part in the lesson. If this happens on a continuous basis you will be sent a reminder.

Swimming is at Hatfield Swim Centre and will be every Tuesday morning. Your child will need a swimming costume, a swimming hat (for long hair) and a towel. Your child only needs goggles if they have a prescription pair, otherwise goggles and flip-flops are not necessary. If your child prefers goggles for the sessions, then a goggle consent form must be signed. Tests, however, will be conducted without goggles.

### Library

On Thursdays each class has access to the Library to choose a book they wish to take home. This is a great opportunity for children to access a range of texts of their choosing. Please make sure they bring back any borrowed books they wish to change on a Thursday.

### Timetable

Your child will have a timetable attached to their Home-School Link book in order for them to keep track of the equipment they will require on a daily basis. We hope that this will also encourage the children to organise their school bag at home.

### Educational Visits/Workshops

Each term we will be looking at the appropriateness of planning educational visits and workshops to support our topic areas. We will advise you as soon as we have confirmation of these events.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office to arrange an appointment. We look forward to working in partnership with you and your child. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

*Mrs Pettigrew*  
Year 4 Class Teacher