

Year 4's Classroom Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Welcome back! We hope that you have enjoyed the summer break and are looking forward to a busy term. We trust that the following information will be useful as we begin a new academic year.

Staffing

Teachers for this term will be Miss Suzanne Wright and Mr Craig Taylor. We are also lucky enough to be joined by Teaching Assistants Mrs Trudy Elliot, Mrs Lyn Sewell, Mrs Jane Nye and Mrs Cathy Lambshead.

Curriculum

We are really excited that, as a whole school, we are starting a new, enquiry-based curriculum, Curious-city, which is a localised, enquiry-led curriculum.

The enquiry we have been looking at over the last two weeks has been '**What makes our school so special?**' with a focus on using iPad APPs to present information in video form.

Our next enquiry is '**What is the difference between sound and noise?**' We will be spending lots of time looking at a variety of instruments, noise/sound makers and taking part in experiments to help us answer the question.

If you think that you have any skills or information that might support our learning, we would love to hear from you!

P.E./Games

P.E. Kit will be required on the following days:

Wednesday and Thursday

Please ensure that P.E. kit is in school on the designated days. It may be more useful if kit remains in school all week. This should include shorts, T-shirt with trainers for outdoor sessions. A tracksuit/pair of jogging bottoms plus sweatshirt will also be useful later in the term as the days get chilly.

Please could you make sure that all clothing/possessions are clearly labelled. We had a huge amount of unclaimed lost property at the end of last term. Lost items are much easier to track down if clearly named. Thank you.

Jewellery

In line with school policy and for health and safety reasons, we would seriously discourage the wearing of jewellery; stud earrings and wrist watches are acceptable, although these will need to be removed or covered for P.E. sessions.

Homework

Homework will be given on a **Friday**, to be returned on the following **Wednesday** so that it can be marked before the new set is given out. Homework books have been provided and we very much value open communication between home and school and would encourage you to use this book if you find it useful.

We do appreciate that children have busy lives and from time to time are unable to complete homework set. If this is ever the case, just let us know by calling in or by writing a note in their homework book. We do understand!

Intervention Groups

From time to time we offer the children additional support to enhance their learning. It is not always possible to do this in class time and sometimes intervention groups may take place during assembly time. Whilst we value the daily act of worship held in school, we also recognise the impact that a 20 minute small group session can have. We assume that most parents and carers are happy for with this but if you do feel strongly that your child should not miss the daily act of worship please let us know in writing.

Break time Snacks

Please could we remind you that we encourage fruit and vegetable snacks on Monday - Thursday with the children having a freer choice on Fridays. If you are not sure about what to send, please ask. In line with school policy, sweets and chocolate are not allowed at break times.

Drinks

We ask that children who wish to bring drinks into the classroom bring them in a clearly named bottle and bring only **water**. The bottle can be refilled in school as the need arises.

Year 4 Meeting

In order to welcome you to Year 4, we would like to invite you to a meeting on Friday 21st September at 9.20am until 9.40am where we will be able to offer current information and answer any queries that you may have. The

meeting will be held in Miss Wright's classroom.

Help

If you would like to help out in school, we would love to hear from you; regular or "ad hoc" sessions would be equally welcomed. No previous experience is necessary and an information pack will be given on your first visit. In line with our Safeguarding procedures we would have to ask that a DBS check be carried out. Ask at the Office for details and a form.

Finally

If you have any queries about any aspect of Year 4, do not hesitate to come and see us. We are usually available before and after school but advance warning would guarantee a quality slot. Thank you for your continued support.

May we also remind you that classroom doors open at 8:50am and the register will be taken promptly at 9:00am. Any children arriving after 9:00 will be marked as late and will need to sign in at the school office. Please encourage your child to come into the cloakroom independently as there is very little space and we aim to settle them into their morning tasks quickly.

We look forward to working with you in the year ahead

Suzanne Wright & Craig Taylor