23rd April, 2019

Dear Parents / Carers

Hope you all had a lovely Easter break! Welcome back to school for the first part of the Summer term.

The Y4 classroom door will be open for children to arrive each morning from 8:35am until 8:50am. Any child arriving after this time will need to sign in at the school office as the register will have closed.  School dinner requests are recorded alongside the attendance register.

On arrival, children are expected to put their belongings away tidily and begin their early morning activity promptly which will include quiet reading, English and maths activities and, where necessary, closing the gap in their learning from the day before.

Children can be collected from 3:15 pm at the classroom door, unless written permission has been given to the school for them to walk home alone.

The Summer Term 1 topic web and spelling list are also being sent out with this letter and everything is now available on the website.

Year 4 outside PE will be on a Thursday afternoon - the focus for this term will be on athletics, and the opportunity for children to develop their existing running, jumping and throwing skills. They will also be refining their sprint technique and learning how to work as a relay team, by practising an effective baton changeover. Any indoor PE sessions will continue to focus on gymnastics (balance, jumps, rolls and movement). The aim of these sessions is to enable children to develop flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance. Each child's PE kit should be in school every day as we may take any opportunities arising for additional PE on the field or playground if the weather is good.

For health and safety reasons, it is essential that children are dressed appropriately for any physical activity. P.E. kit consists of a blue/white polo shirt, black shorts with plimsolls for indoor activities and trainers for outside.  Girls wearing tights to school should have socks to change into.  As it is still cold at this time of the year, children may wear a plain black sweatshirt over their t-shirt with plain black tracksuit bottoms for outdoor activities. PLEASE ensure all kit is labelled with your child's name. If children do not have the correct P.E. kit in school, they will not be able to participate in these activities.

Homework – the whole Summer Term project

The Year 4 project for the summer term is for children to create an A3 (or bigger!) poster which focuses on an aspect of our Health and Wellbeing topic (healthy eating, exercise, hygiene, brain growth, positive mindset, conflict resolution, rights and responsibilities, respecting differences, bullying, friendship etc.). Children can be as creative as they want with this - bold and colourful, pop-art, black and white, comic strip, 3D. It might be a good idea for children to make their posters on paper then stick these onto a harder surface (such as cardboard) so that their artwork will be sturdier and be able to be propped up for display purposes. I am sure the children (and any helpers) will come up with some great creations! If you have any questions about this task, please ask Mrs Roberts. The Celebration Assembly for these projects will be held at the end of the term and you will be notified of when children need to bring these posters in.

Spellings and Times Tables

Spellings will continue to be tested on a Friday. The whole half-term’s list is available on the website. Times tables will be used on a regular basis across the week with any testing taking place when relevant. In addition to the spelling scheme we already have in place, we have also subscribed to the No Nonsense spelling scheme as a further resource to support children in learning and embedding their spellings.

Reading

Reading Records will be checked on a Wednesday for the 4 reads and will be stamped once checked. If children read more than 4 times, that is fantastic!

If you have any questions, feel free to catch Mrs Roberts at the classroom door, but please remember teachers are busy setting up for the day first thing in the morning. If you need to discuss anything in more detail, please make an appointment at the office to speak to either Mrs Roberts or Mrs Whitford.

We are all looking forward to a very busy, productive and enjoyable Summer Term.

Thank you.

Mrs Roberts