

7<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Year 4 Children and Parents,

Welcome to Year 4! We hope you've had a fantastic summer and are fully refreshed for a fun filled year ahead.

This year our team consists of Miss Mayes and Mrs Smith. We are very excited to get to know your children over the year and support them to achieve their goals and be the best they can be. We will be continuing with the same start and finish times as last year. Your child will need to arrive at school between 8:40am and 8:55am and enter through the doors by the chapel. The school day will then be ending at 3:15pm and Year 4 children will leave via the side gate in the car park, next to the school building.

Please can I also remind you that children must have their PE kits in school all week. In Year 4, we have PE on Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon. PE kits must be in named bags and kept on children's pegs. Please ensure all items are labelled to avoid any items going missing.

This half term we have lots of exciting learning opportunities across the curriculum. To kick start our history topic, Ancient Egyptians, we have a very exciting trip booked at the Tutankhamun Exhibition in Dorchester (details will be sent out shortly). We will be looking at Ancient Egyptian art in our art lessons and exploring hieroglyphics and symbols which we will then incorporate into our final pieces - 'Ancient Egyptian sarcophagus'. We will also be visiting our Forest School to support our science topic.

#### Home learning

To link with our learning in school, you will find our home learning grid on the school website and Google Classrooms. These grids outline a selection of different tasks to be completed by the end of the term. This home learning can be either submitted on Google Classrooms or if you have created something spectacular that you would like to display, please do bring it into school, the display is ready and waiting!

#### Spellings

Every Friday, the children will have spellings set which are linked to a spelling rule. These spellings will be scheduled on Google Classroom and will also be stuck into a spelling book that your child will bring home. The children will be tested on the 10 spellings set every Friday.

#### Times tables

To support with speedy recall of times tables, we also ask that children spend time completing their allocated challenges on Times Tables Rocks Stars (TTRS) at home each week.



## Reading

At St Augustine's, we believe that reading is an essential skill for all children and we hope that they enjoy reading for pleasure. Therefore, this year in KS2, we are introducing reading journals. The aim is to encourage children of all ages to not only read regularly, but also to develop their love of reading by creating their own personal responses to a text. Children's journal entries will be counted in school and they will have the chance to share their entries with their classes and the rest of the school. Your child will bring home their reading journal with some suggested activities stuck in the front but they can also create their own activities. A journal entry does not have to be completed every day but may be completed after reading an introduction, a chapter, a whole book or as and when it feels appropriate. When your child achieves a certain number of entries they will receive different rewards such as a bookmark, a certificate home and the chance to choose a class book.



Ideally we would like at least one entry per book read but your child may choose to do more than this if they are really enjoying a text!

1 page = 1 entry

Please use the yellow reading records to record when your child has read at home as these will still be used in school and the reading journal as a resource for your child to independently interact with and respond to what they are reading. Please ensure both the reading record and the reading journal are in school every day.

## Maths and English

Each week, there will be IXL Maths and English homework set on a Friday. This will either be based on what we have been covering in class or revising an area we should already know. Both Maths and English IXL links are optional.

## Meet the teacher

We will be holding a 'Meet the Teacher' meeting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 3.25pm. This is for you to come into the classroom and discuss the new routines and expectations of the new year group. On this day, please collect your child from the usual place at 3.15pm and we will welcome parents/guardians in through the main office door, where you will be asked to sign in.

We are very much looking forward to this year and thank you in advance for your support. We look forward to working alongside you to ensure your child continues to thrive.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Mayes and Mrs Smith

