Parents / Guardians of children in Classes 4SB and 4SG, 12th September 2019

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome to the new school year. Hopefully your child has now settled into their new class and is becoming familiar with the

day-to-day routines. We are lucky in Year 4 to have the support of a very experienced teaching assistant, Mrs Hall, who will be

supporting the children with their learning. In addition to this, we also have Mr Kerridge, our apprentice teaching assistant, who

will be supporting the children generally in class. We are also lucky enough to have a trainee teacher, from the Devon Primary

SCITT programme, joining us this term called Mr Jenkins.

The autumn term is going to be a busy and exciting term for the children and we will be learning:

* **Science:** Animals including humans
* **RE:** What do Hindus believe God is like? What is the trinity and why is it important to Christians?
* **Outdoor PE:** Multi-Skills
* **Indoor PE:** Gymnastics
* **History:**  The Anglo-Saxons
* **Geography:** Village Settlers
* **French:** Taught by Mrs Burton
* **PHSE:**  Jigsaw – Being Me in My World and Celebrating Difference
* **Music:** Recorders

The children will have Indoor PE on a Tuesday\* and Outdoor PE on a Wednesday. Please ensure PE kit is labelled and remains in

school at all times during term time. A track suit or similar warm clothing can be kept in PE bags for colder days during the

winter months. It would also be useful if your child could bring in an old t-shirt or an apron for art activities, which should be

kept in their lockers.

\*During the first week of the autumn term, the children will also have access to the swimming pool. Please make sure your child

has their swimming kit in school so we don’t miss the opportunity to swim if the weather permits.

There are many ways you can help us support your child’s education at home. Your child will benefit from being encouraged to

read for 15-20 minutes on a regular basis. When reading with your child, it is important to question them about what they’ve just

read to check their understanding. Your child’s new reading record has ‘Top Tips for the Reading Helper’ in it which will support

you when questioning your child. Please ensure that their books come to and from school on a daily basis. As a year group,

children will be rewarded for their reading efforts and given a certificate for every 20 books that they read during the year.

We will be continuing to use Times Tables Rock Stars as a way of developing a rapid recall of times tables facts and we would

appreciate your efforts in ensuring that your child uses this program at home. Your child’s login details for TT Rockstars along with

My Maths login will be sent home over the next week. Year 4 is a very important year for times tables as your child will be assessed

at the end of the year on their ability to rapidly recall times tables facts up to 12 x 12.

Homework will usually consist of a short English and Maths task which will be given out and explained on a Friday and needs to be

handed in by the following Thursday. If homework isn’t handed in by the Friday, your child will need to complete at school during

their break time. Each child will be given a homework folder to keep their homework safe and secure. There will also be spellings

each week sent home on a Monday and tested on a Friday.

If you have any concerns or queries about your child’s education or welfare, please do not hesitate to pop in and see us. We look

forward to meeting you all at the ‘Year 4 Getting to know you’ meeting on Tuesday 24th September 2019 at 3.30 pm in 4SB.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Bates Mr S Griggs

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