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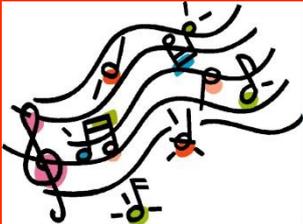
Dear Parents and Carers,

### Year 4 Curriculum Letter - Autumn Term

Welcome to year 4! We have enjoyed getting to know your child over the past few weeks and look forward to working in partnership with you this year. Please read the information below to find out what your child will be learning this term and how you can support them at home.

Subject	Focus	Suggestions for parents and carers
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Maths</i></p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Maths</p>	<p>Place Value</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The children will be learning about the value of different numbers</li> <li>- They will also be learning about finding more or less of a number</li> <li>- They will also be focusing on the column method of addition and subtraction</li> <li>- Furthermore, we will be focusing on reasoning and the children being able to explain their mathematical thinking</li> </ul>	<p>Please encourage the children by giving them simple addition or subtraction sums at home. For example, <math>1897 + 2350</math>.</p> <p>You can also purchase <i>CGP</i> books which are very helpful in consolidating the children's learning. You can buy these from the school office.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>English</i></p> 	<p>Diary/ Recount</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The children will be learning about writing in the role of a character based on the book 'The Incredible Book Eating Boy'.</li> </ul> <p>Persuasive Writing</p>	<p>Please encourage the children to research the digestive system and write about what they have learnt.</p> <p>In terms of grammar and spelling, you can also purchase <i>CGP</i> books which are very helpful in consolidating the children's learning. You can buy these from the school office.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The children will be learning about the digestive system and the importance of healthy living. By the end of the term, they will create their own leaflet on healthy diets and lifestyle.</li> </ul>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Science</i></p> 	<p>Animals Including Humans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identify human teeth. For example; molars, canines, incisors, etc</li> <li>- Identify and name the functions of different organs in the digestive system</li> <li>- Food chains and vocabulary such as predators, prey and producers</li> </ul>	<p>Please encourage the children to read and research about the digestive system and healthy living.</p> <p>Here are some helpful websites:</p> <p><a href="https://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/stats-research/healthy-eating">https://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/stats-research/healthy-eating</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/food-facts">https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/food-facts</a></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Geography and History</i></p> 	<p>Black History Month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We will be focusing on athletes, musicians and artists, such as Jacob Lawrence.</li> <li>- We will also be looking at key figures in black history</li> </ul>	<p>Encourage the children to research different musicians, artists and athletes. For extra homework, they could replicate an artist's work or write a biography on a famous athlete or scientist.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Art / DT</i></p> 	<p>Portraits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The children will be having Art once a week with Ms Gul.</li> <li>- The children will be learning how to sketch and draw to create portraits of themselves.</li> </ul>	<p>For extra work, the children could focus on drawing different portraits of themselves and family members.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Computing</b></p> 	<p>Presentations/ Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The children will be learning about how to safely use the internet to research different topics, such as the digestive system.</li> <li>- They will using their knowledge to work on creating power point presentations.</li> </ul>	<p>Please allow and encourage children to use the internet to safely research and discover more about the various topics we will be learning about in school.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>R.E.</b></p> 	<p>Buddhism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We will be learning about the beliefs of Buddhists.</li> <li>- We will also be learning about the Buddha and the Four Noble Truths.</li> <li>- Furthermore, we will be learning about the Eight Fold Path</li> </ul>	<p>Encourage the children to discuss Buddhism by asking them questions. Such as, what is suffering? What do the Buddhists believe? Do they agree with the Four Noble truths?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PSHE</b></p> 	<p>Bullying/ The Learning Pit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The children will be learning about the definition of bullying and its repercussions.</li> <li>- The children will also be learning about 'The Learning Pit' and how to help themselves when they are stuck.</li> </ul>	<p>Please encourage the children to talk about what their interpretation of bullying is and how they can grow in their own confidence.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Music</b></p> 	<p>Clarinet and Trumpet/ Violin</p> <p>Once a week, Year 4 will receive music lessons with specialised teachers.</p> <p>Ruby will have violin on Thursdays.</p> <p>Moonstone will have clarinet and trumpet on Tuesdays.</p>	<p>The children will have the opportunity to take instruments home. The children will also make large improvements with their instruments if they are allowed to practice at home.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>P.E</b></p> 	<p>Rugby</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The children will be taught P.E once a week by a sports coach (Monday)</li> <li>- They will focus on learning different skills in different games</li> <li>- On Wednesday, they will do P.E with Ms Redman where they will consolidate what they have been learning.</li> </ul>	<p>Exercise is crucial to a healthy body. Please try to ensure that the children are as active and as fit as possible outside of school.</p>
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**Homework is an important part of school life.** It is an opportunity for children to practise and consolidate work that they have been doing during the week. We appreciate your support in helping your child to continue learning at home.

On Friday your child will bring home learning activities that are linked to work that they have done during the week. It will give you an idea of what they have been learning in class and provide you with an opportunity to talk to them about the curriculum that is being taught.

The homework should be returned to class by the following Wednesday. Please discuss this work with your child and help them complete it to the best of THEIR ability.

**Individual reading books** will be changed once a week (**the day may vary**). Please keep this book and your child's book bag **all the time** and read it as often as you can. The children will also be able to bring home a book from the class book corner and will change this regularly. **They need to bring their book bags every day.**

Please read to and with your child as often as possible. We love to receive your comments about your child's progress. Please write your comments in your child's reading record book. Children make the best progress when they read on a daily basis.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

This year we aim to improve our overall attendance figures. It is important that you child is in school every day and that they arrive on time. Please ensure that

collect your child promptly at the end of the day or contact the school office if you are going to be unavoidably late.

## PE

Children will be using their PE kits every week and is therefore essential that they have a full PE kit in school at all times. **As it becomes colder, please make sure your child has a tracksuit or warm jumper for outdoor P.E.** This can be a plain black tracksuit. The children will bring home their P.E. kit to be washed at half term. It is vital that your child does not wear jewellery to school; earrings should be studs only.

## Assemblies

Singing Assemblies: Monday

Achievement and celebration Assemblies: \_\_\_\_\_

Gold Book and Class Assemblies: Friday

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## School Uniform

### **Girls**

Black Skirt or Trousers

White Polo Shirt/Shirt

\*Red Sweatshirt/Cardigan/Fleece

Completely Black Shoes

Black tights (no leggings)

Black, red or white hairbands

### **Boys**

Black Trousers

White Polo Shirt/Shirt

\*Red Sweatshirt/Fleece

Completely Black Shoes

### **PE Kit**

White t-shirt

Black Shorts

Tracksuit for winter games

Black Plimsolls

PE Bag

Swimming Kit including a swimming hat (Year 5 Only)

### **School Trips**

Every term we will arrange for the children to go on an education visit or to receive a visit from a visitor in school. We always appreciate support with trips and visits so please let us know if you are willing and able to help.

Should you have any questions or if you would like any support, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

**The Year 4 Team**

**Ms Redman & Ms Ansah**

