



September 2018

Dear Parents,

We hope that you had a lovely summer holiday and we would like to welcome you to a new term in Year 4. We are very excited about the topics and activities we have planned for this Autumn term.

Please ensure that your children bring their reading books and planners to school every day as there are not set days for changing them in Year 4. They may also need them for the guided reading session with their teacher. They will bring their books home every day. We do not expect the children to finish their book in one evening, but please record the pages they have read. We encourage the children to read at least 3 times a week so please sign their planner and write a comment with each book read. We would encourage you to read a range of books with your child to help further develop their skills. Reading passports provide further ideas should you need any.

Please note that we will be focussing on the children's handwriting and the presentation of their work in all areas of the curriculum. We will be teaching handwriting using a cursive style and once the children are able to write using this style joined correctly, they will then be awarded a Pen Licence. This will entitle those children to write with a handwriting pen issued by the school.

4 Hazel have library time on Thursdays and 4 Poplar have library time on Mondays. Please make sure children have their book with them on the correct day, so that they can be changed or renewed.

Home Learning

Home Learning is set for the children on Mondays and will be written in their Student Planner and accessed online. All children have been reminded about how to log-on and access their home learning, using My USO. Where work is not visible when logging in, please ensure that you select "all" from the "status" drop down and this will show you all home learning set.

Please understand that it is essential for your child to complete home learning thoroughly, on time and in a neat and tidy manner. If your child is unable to complete his or her work we ask that parents please write a short note explaining the reason in the student planner, in order to maintain consistency and fairness in the classroom. Any questions or concerns then please feel free to use the student planner to communicate with us. It is your child's responsibility to show us any messages you have written for us or we have written to you.

Children are also expected to read regularly and record this in the Reading Diary section of the Student Planner. Please read your child's planner each week and sign it; planners should be in school every day.

Uniform

Please ensure that children are wearing correct school uniform, including plain black shoes, every day. Further details of the school's uniform requirements can be found on the school website. Children with shoulder length or longer hair should tie it back with a plain green, brown, black or white hair tie, preferably in a plait style. This deters outbreaks of head lice. No jewellery or nail varnish should be worn, other than one stud in each ear lobe. We recommend that children bring a named water bottle to school every day.

Art

If you have not already done so, we would be grateful if you could provide your child with a named painting apron. An old shirt will do - anything to protect their uniform.

P.E.

There are plenty of opportunities for P.E. and the children must have the appropriate clothing in school every day. Please note that the children are also required to bring in a change of socks. These must be kept in their P.E. bags. We would appreciate it if you could ensure that all of your children's uniform and P.E. kit is labelled. Long hair must be tied back.

Tuesday - Swimming (commencing week beginning 27th September)

Wednesday - Netball/Football

We will be taking the children to New Addington for their swimming lessons this term for which they will need to bring a named swimsuit, swimming cap and towel every Tuesday morning. Please could you let us know if you are available to assist with these sessions. We are particularly keen to hear from potential male parent helpers to support us. More information will follow.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Your Year 4 Teachers,

Mrs. Medhurst, Mrs. Liston and Mrs. Taylor