



Friday 13th September 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Year 4. We hope you have all had a lovely summer and managed to enjoy some sunshine! The children have returned to school and settled into Year 4 and have loved our Art focus on the artist Georgia O Keefe this week.

This term in Maths, we are going to be focusing on place value and the four operations (+ - x ÷) and in English children are going to be developing their skills writing non-chronological reports and stories. In History we are studying Ancient Egypt including finding out about mummification and the amazing discoveries found in Tutankhamun's tomb. The Science topics this term are Living things and their Habitats and Electricity and Circuits. We also have exciting learning opportunities planned for the children in French, Music, Art/DT, PSHE, PE and Computing.

In Year 4, the children will have PE on **Wednesdays and Thursdays**. The lessons will be a mix of indoor and outdoor and they will be allowed to come into school wearing their PE kit on these days. The children will need to wear a plain white t-shirt, dark coloured jogging bottoms, a school jumper and trainers. A separate hoodie/sweatshirt can be brought in a bag for the PE lessons. Please make sure each item of their PE kit and school uniform is named as children lose items easily without their name on!

Homework will be set on a Friday and due in the following Thursday. Reading Records will be collected and checked on Monday. Listening to your child read at home is a fantastic way to support them in their development and we would like their records to be signed at least four times a week please. Children will be rewarded with merits and gems for achieving this. At the end of Year 4, the children will sit a Multiplication Check which is a national test. The expectation is that they know all their times tables up to 12x12. We will be doing lots of multiplication work at school, but any extra practise at home will make a huge difference. This could be 10 minutes a day playing Times Table Rock Stars using your child's log in. Some useful online games can also be found at <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables> and Monster Multiplication on Purple Mash.

Information about the Year 4 residential trip to Minstead 2024 will follow in due course.

We look forward to our year together and please ask any questions either personally or via the Year 4 email. Year4@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk

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