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3rd September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Year Four!

We hope your child will have a successful and productive year with us in Year Four. We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the curriculum coverage for the Autumn Term. Please find the curriculum web attached which outlines the learning objectives for our new topic. We hope that the following information will enable you to provide support and encouragement for your child.

Parent Welcome Meeting

The year 4 parent welcome meeting will be held at 9:00am on Wednesday 15th September lasting approximately 20 minutes to share expectations. We look forward to meeting you there.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations have been arranged for **Wednesday 29th September and Thursday 30th September**. Time slots will be available between 3:40pm – 6:00pm. Appointments can be made via your child's online account www.scopay.com/login from Friday 17th September or contact the school office.

English

Throughout the year, your child will experience a range of writing opportunities including non-fiction writing, writing stories and a chance to explore and perform poems.

Mathematics

The main topics included this year are; place value, addition, subtraction, division and multiplication, shape and measurement. The learning in class will also be supported by the weekly 'DoodleMaths' homework which will be set. You will be able to support your child through the use of DoodleMaths.

Homework

Reading

Children are expected to read daily for at least 10 minutes and record their thoughts and feelings in response to what they have read in their Reading River Record. The expectations for this will be shared and modelled with the children during the first week of term ready for this to start week beginning Monday 13th September. The children's work in this book will go towards selecting the 'Star Reader' for each class. A 'Star Reader' will be chosen, celebrated and mentioned in the weekly newsletter.

Spelling

For your child to make progress in line with Year Four age-related expectations, they will need to practise their spellings weekly on a programme called 'DoodleSpell'. The programme builds spelling confidence and ability as it is tailored to their individual strengths and weaknesses. This will only have the necessary impact if they use 'DoodleSpell' for a 10



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minute session of meaningful practice at least three times a week. As the Year Four Team, we define meaningful practice as earning 15 stars per session.

DoodleMaths

Your child will be expected to access 'DoodleMaths,' an online Mathematics platform that is designed to challenge and inspire children on their Mathematical learning journey. Again, this should be used for at least ten minutes of meaningful practice at least three times a week. As the Year Four Team, we define meaningful practice as earning 15 stars per session.

All Doodle Homework will be monitored and go towards selecting a weekly 'Top Doodler' for each class.

Times Tables

It is an expectation in the National Curriculum for Mathematics that by the end of Year Four all children know and can recall all times table facts up to and including 12 x 12. In June, the children are required to complete a National Assessment Times Table Check, so they will be required to complete at least ten minutes of meaningful practice at least three times a week on Doodle Tables. As the Year Four Team, we define meaningful practice as earning 15 stars per session. Doodle Tables helps teach the times table facts. This should also be supplemented by regular 'testing practice' on Times Tables Rock Stars.

Termly homework task

Each term, a project will be set based upon the topic being covered. The children will have 4 weeks to complete the task and then they will present their project to the class.

Art shirts

The children will be doing lots of art this year. To protect expensive school uniform please provide your child with an old shirt that doesn't matter if it gets dirty and covers their uniform. Please name it and send it in by Monday 13th September.

School Trips

We have two school trips planned for this academic year. In March, we intend to visit Butser Ancient Farm to link with our Anglo-Saxon topic. Then, alongside our local history study of the New Forest, there will be a visit to Brockenhurst and The Knightwood Oak Trail in the Summer Term. More details will follow nearer the dates.

Year 4 Production

We are much looking forward to the return of the Ashley Junior School Year Four Christmas Production. At the moment, we are still finalising the arrangements so more information will follow at a later date.

PE and Games

PE will take place on Wednesdays. Children will need to come into school wearing their kit on the day. PE Kit consists of house team T-shirt, black shorts, plain socks and sensible footwear. It will be acceptable in the colder weather for children to be in black or blue tracksuit bottoms along with their school jumper with their PE Kit underneath.



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In school equipment

Last year we encouraged children to leave school bags at home. This year they are allowed again. Please note, the cubby holes are quite small so large bags may be inappropriate. Also, all stationery is provided so the children do not need to bring pencil cases. Toys and fidgets are not permitted.

Snacks and Water bottles

We politely request **ALL** children have a named water bottle in school, please ensure that these are not filled with squash or fizzy drinks, as only water is permitted. These will need to return home and be washed each day. Fruit and vegetable snacks are welcome, but we request that no other type of snack is provided. Milk can be purchased through the cool milk scheme www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/school-lunches/ Alternatively you may be entitled to free milk.

Communication with Parents / Carers

Most information will come through letters and through the school website but we recognise the importance of an open avenue of communication. For any other queries, please use our class emails to get in touch and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

- skylark@ajs.hants.sch.uk
- kingfisher@ajs.hants.sch.uk
- firecrest@ajs.hants.sch.uk

Yours faithfully,

Year 4 Team