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Dear Year 4 Parents,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Year 4. Over the last week, the children have settled in well and are established in their routines. We are looking forward to an exciting half term. Below, we have outlined some of the key information and expectations for your children for this academic year.

### Times Tables

From this year, all Year 4 children will have their times tables skills formally tested in the summer term (during a 3-week period) of Year 4. The check is part of a new focus on mastering numeracy, giving children the skills and knowledge they need for secondary school and beyond. The purpose of it is to determine whether Year 4 pupils can recall their multiplication tables fluently (being able to answer both multiplication and division times tables questions accurately and quickly, without having to work out the answers). Children will be tested using an on-screen check (on a computer or a tablet), where they will have to answer multiplication questions against the clock. As the time nears, we will inform you with further information.

Please ensure you practise these at home with your children using both multiplication and division.

### Curriculum Autumn 1

Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Number and Place Value (numbers to 10,000)</li><li>• Negative numbers</li><li>• 4 Operations (addition, multiplication, subtraction and division)</li></ul>
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Writing for a range of purposes – persuasive letter, a narrative and a non-chronological report.</li><li>• Proof reading written work for errors.</li><li>• Planning, editing and publishing sustained writing.</li></ul> <p>We will be focussing on many rich texts to support our English learning journey. This half term we will be using Animals from Farthing Woods and Remarkable Animals.</p>



Enquiry	<p>This half term we will be learning all about animals and their habitats. Our enquiry question is 'Do small things make a big difference?' The concepts we will be exploring are stewardship, sustainability, duty and diversity.</p> <p>This enquiry will involve the children revamping our current nature reserve on our school grounds. The children will be able to think of some new inspiring ideas for our pond area to make it a place for everyone to enjoy. To achieve this we will be writing persuasive letters to local companies and holding fundraising sessions to be able to buy resources.</p>
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## **PE**

Please come to school in PE kit and trainers. This is so that we are using our maximum time for our slot and not having to change into kits and back again. Please send water bottles into school everyday. These can be refilled throughout the day in school.

Each class has 2 PE sessions a week. One indoor and one outdoor.

- Seahorses are on a Tuesday and a Thursday.
- Polar Bears are on a Thursday and a Friday.
- Koalas only have PE once a week because they have outdoor learning with Mr Richards this half term on a Thursday. Therefore, Koalas PE day is just a Wednesday.

As and when the weather starts to deteriorate, please ensure coats and appropriate clothing is provided.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the school and your child's learning. We aim to make this year as happy and successful as possible for all of the children.

Kind regards,

The Year 4 team

Miss Cassar, Miss Cook and Miss Borthwick

