



# YEAR 4 TERMLY NEWSLETTER: SPRING TERM 2020

## WELCOME BACK YEAR 4!

It is great to see that all the children have settled back into their class routines and are enjoying learning. We hope that your child is looking forward to a rewarding and successful term. Year 4 is full of exciting learning opportunities, themes and trips! We would like to share with you some information about what your child will be learning over the Spring Term, as well as offering you opportunities to support your child's understanding of subjects studied. This newsletter will also help you to plan ahead by giving you key dates before they are printed in the Purple Post, such as class assemblies and trips.

<b>HIGH EXPECTATIONS</b>	<p>We expect a <b>high standard of behaviour from all children</b> which is monitored by all staff in the academy. The Behaviour Policy (which can be found on our website) explains the academy rules, rewards and sanctions in detail.</p> <p>Every week we have a celebration assembly where achievements are shared and certificates are awarded (including Star of the Week and House Points certificates).</p>	<b>UNIFORM</b>	<p><b>Uniform is the same for Years 4-6.</b> All pupils must wear correct uniform, including acceptable footwear. A letter will be sent home with pupils who have missing or incorrect uniform.</p> <p>Please refer to the Uniform Policy on our website for further information, including PE kit. If you require academy uniform, all items can be purchased from the academy office.</p>	<b>START OF DAY ACTIVITY (SODA)</b>	<p>For the first 15 minutes of every day there will be a focused learning activity planned by the teacher. If your child arrives late they will miss this vital part of the school day. Therefore, it is important that your child arrives on time (<b>by 8:55am</b>) every day.</p>
	<p>Unacceptable behaviour, both in and out of the classroom, will be dealt with firmly but fairly according to the academy's Behaviour Policy. You will be informed of any major incidences, or if your child's behaviour results in two or more detentions within a period of two weeks.</p>		<b>TRIPS</b>		<p>This term we will have our second Linking Schools trip – the date is to be confirmed and a letter will go home.</p>



<b>YEAR 4 CURRICULUM</b>		<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b>		<b>HOMEWORK</b>	<p>Over the Spring term, children will learn about two topics – Colourful Cultures: India and I Hear Thunder!</p> <p>Please see the sheet attached to this newsletter for more information about these topics in Year 4 this term.</p>	<p><b>Our PE days this term are Wednesday and Friday.</b> PE is part of our academy curriculum and <b>we expect all children to bring a full PE kit to school</b> so that they can take part in their indoor and outdoor PE sessions. PE kit can be left on your child’s peg in their classroom.</p> <p><b>All jewellery must be removed.</b> Earrings need to be removed on the day of PE or the child must be able to remove these themselves before the lesson. Teachers and Teaching Assistants are not allowed to help children remove their earrings. If your child has recently had their ears pierced they will have to bring micropore tape to cover their earrings until they can take them out.</p>	<p><b>Queensmead Quests</b> will continue to be given out once per half term. The aim is to provide a range of challenges for your child to choose from. We would be grateful if you can support and encourage them. If your child experiences any difficulties with the homework, we encourage them to come and see their class teacher for more support.</p> <p>In addition, we expect children to be <b>reading for at least 10 minutes daily</b>. It would be really beneficial if you could listen to your child read and discuss their book regularly to support their understanding.</p>
				<b>SPELLINGS</b>	<p>We have introduced <b>Purple Mash</b> to the children and they can use individual log-ins to access the system to do spelling practice each week. These will be assessed weekly on a Friday.</p> <p>The purple mash also have a range of education games and times table challenges to complete.</p>		
<p><b>If you have any problem or concern – who do you ask?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class Teachers – Mrs Cory and Miss Fletcher-Brown</li> <li>• Deputy Principals – Mrs Bentley &amp; Mrs Catlow</li> <li>• Principal – Mrs Latham</li> </ul> <p>Thanks on behalf of the Year 4 team.</p>		<p><b>Dates for your diary:</b></p> <p>15<sup>th</sup> January – Shaun Tan Class Assembly  22<sup>nd</sup> January – David Walliams Class Assembly  17<sup>th</sup> February: Half term  24<sup>th</sup> February: Back to school  25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March – Parents evening  3<sup>rd</sup> April – Last day of Spring term</p>					