

# Year 4

Welcome to year 4! It is good to see the children back in school after the Summer break, refreshed and ready to learn. Please make sure that your child is in school every day by 8:50am as this helps them settle down and have time to complete their 'early work'. Children who arrive after 9:00 am should come into school via the main office so that they can be signed in. Children should enter the school building independently and with parents only if you have an urgent message - I am always available after school, so feel free to come in then if you would like to speak to me.

## Reading

All of the children will bring home a school reading book each day that's suitable for their reading level. Where possible, please try to listen to your child read at least 4 times a week, chat about the text with them and ensure they understand what they are reading. Children can complete their reading record sheet themselves, and should bring their book in to be changed at least once a week.

## Swimming

Year 4 will be swimming after half term – we'll send out more details closer to the time.

## P.E

PE lessons will usually be on a Wednesday and Friday. It's important that the children always have their kit (including trainers) in school as we do not have spares to lend out. Please could girls with long hair keep it tied back during PE lessons, and any stud earrings must be removed or covered in tape before school.

## Homework

Please see the separate sheet for homework tasks. Children should spend around 15-20 minutes on each piece of homework, although spellings are better learnt on a 'little and often' basis. If your child has a particularly busy week or is ever struggling to complete homework, please come and talk about it with me.

## Global Citizenship

In year 4 the children will continue to learn French with Mrs Heavside as part of our global Citizenship lessons. During these lessons we will also be learning about what it means to be a global citizen, and how our lives are similar and different to other children's around the world.

## Context for learning

This term our Big Question is: 'How do living things survive our extreme Earth?' We will be learning lots of geography skills including map work and simple survival skills. We will also be learning how explorers in the past have survived extreme conditions. As part of our work in science we will be learning about how animals survive, especially those living in extreme habitats. Our camping adventure will be an excellent way to experience our term's work first hand!

## Water bottles

Please could every child bring a named water bottle to school each day so that they can easily have a drink when they need to – this avoids long queues at the water fountain. They should also take their bottle home regularly to be cleaned.

## Other teaching staff in Year 4

The children will be taught P.E by Mrs Wallace and Mrs Rabone. R.E will be taught by Mrs Mclester on Wednesday afternoons for this half term.

It should be an exciting term, and I'm looking forward to working with your child and you.  
**Mr Guram**