








To those families new to Class 3 Mrs Pierson, Mrs Barnby, Mrs Burrridge and myself would like to offer you a warm welcome. Thank you to all Year 4 families for your support last year, here is to another busy and successful term.



Details of the curriculum for the term are overleaf, whilst below are a few reminders about our day-to-day running of the Class.



- My planning afternoon is a Tuesday. Mrs Pierson teaches this afternoon. She teaches Art and is supported by Mrs Burrridge.
 - Home Learning is usually set on Fridays to be handed in on the following Wednesday. I will be setting longer projects on a regular basis this year meaning some tasks will be set for 2 or 3 weeks.
 - Regular reading at home is still vital to your child's continued success as a learner. Please continue with this even once your child has reached 'Free Reader' stage. Recommendations for reading with your child are outlined in their reading record book. They should bring this to school with their School reading book every day.
 - I ask for any reading books that have been finished at home to be handed into me every day. I write a reminder of this on the board daily and verbally remind the children. It is then their responsibility. I will check books weekly during Guided Reading and an additional check is carried out by Mrs Barnby or Mrs Pierson on another day each week when they read in group.
 - If you need to get a message to me please use the reading record book, send in a letter or telephone the Office. I am also available for quick messages in the morning when I am outside waiting to bring the children in. I am responsible for walking children to the bus each afternoon, but if you catch me on my way through I will usually be able to come back to talk with you once the bus has departed.
 - I will sometimes write to you all to let you know that the classroom will be open early or after school for you to come in and see any special work the children have been doing.
 - Class 3 and 4 children are no longer entitled to free fruit at break time or free school lunches. Please send in a morning snack each day. If you need support to pay for lunches, please speak to the Office in confidence. Children may also keep a named water bottle in class for drinks through the day.
 - Children learn spellings appropriate to their stage each week. We do this in School and I do not generally send weekly lists home. This is because in the past I have regularly seen children learn for a test only to forget the words when needed in general work. I don't usually run 'tests' for spelling. Instead, children check a partner's memory of their words for the week. I then oversee progress through.
 - As with Spellings, I do not run weekly times tables tests but I do assess in School and may set times tables learning at home when appropriate. Usually Year 3 focus on x3, x4, x6, some x8 times tables (building on x2,x5,x10 from Year 2). Year 4: x7, x8, x9, x11, x12.
 - Children can earn House Points for their hard work in class. House points are totalled by myself and children can earn special House Points badges. Badges won at the end of last year may still be worn this term.
 - The children have a 'Golden Time' each week as a reward. Poor behaviour may result in loosing Golden Time.
 - Children can also work towards earning a Roll of Honour certificate presented in Assembly or stickers in class.
 - I also reward table groups for looking after resources and working sensibly.
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