

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Welcome to Year 4! Welcome back to our returning children and a very warm welcome to any new families joining Yerbury this year.

Our topic for Autumn 1 is **Ancient Greece**, which has a history focus. In Autumn 2, our topic is **Active Planet**, a geography-based unit that explores plate tectonics and natural phenomena such as earthquakes and volcanoes. The majority of the learning will take place during history or geography lessons, but as always, we will make connections across the curriculum - for example, through art and English activities inspired by our topic. We are really looking forward to exploring these exciting topics with the children.

We will be holding a welcome meeting for Year 4 parents next week, on **Thursday 11th September from 8:40am - 9:00am**. This will be held in 4H classroom. Please arrive at the office and you will be directed up to the classroom from there.

In the meantime, below you will find useful information about your child's new class and our curriculum for this term.

Staffing:

The Year 4 staffing team is as follows:

4R's class teacher is Rebecca Reid, supported by Lauren Power.

4H's class teacher is Zoe Hartigan, supported by Mary-Anne Willets.

Teachers' planning time (PPA) will be covered by Andrea Littlewood.

Parent/Carer time:

4R and 4H parent/carers time is after school (**3:45pm – 4.15pm**) on **Mondays**, if you have anything you need to discuss. If you are unable to attend at this time, please email the office and we will arrange a time that is mutually convenient.

P.E. and Dance:

We ask that children come to school each day in clothing and footwear appropriate for being active at school. Please ensure children wear trainers on P.E/Dance days.

Our P.E/Dance. days are as follows:

4R – Monday (P.E.)

Friday (Dance – 2nd half term)

4H – Tuesday (P.E.)

Friday (Dance – 1st half term)

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Headteacher: Cassie Moss

What to bring to school:

Children should ideally bring a labelled water bottle to school each day. They can bring a suitable packed lunch which they are expected to be able to eat independently and within the allocated time; they should be able to open flasks, etc. on their own. Our school is a healthy eating school. This means that packed lunches should be healthy and balanced, with no sweets, chocolate, crisps or fizzy drinks. There should also be strictly no nuts in any lunches or snacks brought into school.

Additionally, children can bring a reading book from home to read in school each day and they may take books from the classroom home with them as long as they are brought back to school.

Medicines:

Please make sure we have two sets of medication for your child if they need it. (EpiPen, inhalers, etc) and ensure you have filled in the required forms at the office. Any medication held in school from last year should be checked to ensure it has not expired. Please replace any medication that is no longer within date and inform the school of any changes to your child's medical needs.

Homework:

We will be sending home weekly spelling homework and children should also practice online using their Spelling Shed account. Children are also expected to practise times tables using the Times Tables Rockstars website/app. Teachers will be regularly monitoring the children's effort and engagement. We recommend that your child should play for at least ten minutes per day and five days a week.

Class assemblies:

We are pleased to announce this term's class assembly dates:

4R – Wednesday 19th November

4H – Thursday 4th December

Class assemblies begin at **9:20am** promptly and are held in Middle Hall.

We appreciate there is lots of information to take in, and we are aware that not all parents will be able to attend the welcome meeting. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via the office and we would be very happy to meet with you or arrange a phone-call to go through any queries.

Best wishes,
Rebecca, Zoe, Lauren, Mary-Anne and Andrea.

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