



Welcome back and welcome to Year 4 everyone. It is great to hear all about everyone's fantastic summer holiday adventures and we are all looking forward to a productive and hard working year full of new experiences and fun.

Welcome to Year 4!

This year the Y4 team is made up of the following teachers and teaching assistants;

4FD Mrs Farr, Mrs Drew & Miss Chapman

4H Mrs Horton and Mrs Castro

4CH Miss Hodson and Mrs Toynbee

4O Mrs Oliver and Mrs Turner

PE and Games

Please ensure that your child has the correct kit in ALL week.

Outdoor Games: Monday

Indoor PE: Tuesday

Please remember to send your child to school with a light rain coat during this period of unpredictable weather; we still go outside in light rain.

Planned events

Gainsborough Old Hall :

- 4FD and 4O Tuesday 26th September
- 4H and 4CH Wednesday 27th September

Useful websites

<http://www.mathematicshed.com/>

<http://www.literacyshed.com/>

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

Curriculum Journey

We have an exciting, new immersive approach to our curriculum this year. We kick off the year with a brilliant new topic entitled: Tudor Times. We are thrilled to take the children on a journey into the past through the use of William Shakespeare in our first English unit. During our Topic work we are exploring the monarchs of the Tudor period, the weird and wonderful world of Tudor health and medicine, the harsh world of Tudor crime and punishment and Tudor exploration amongst other engaging lessons. Our first trip of the year will be to Gainsborough Old Hall to re-enact life as a Tudor—we cannot wait. If you can help with the trip, please let your child's class teacher or Mrs Farr (Year Leader) know.

Our Maths is also being revamped with a real emphasis on children knowing their times tables. Please support them in this with repeated practice at home. Thought-provoking lessons this term will focus on place value, followed by an addition and subtraction theme. In Science we will be looking at Sound; how it is made, how it travels and how we can hear it.

During our P.E. lessons this term, all teachers will be implementing a new and exciting approach termed Real P.E. It encourages a life-long passion for and understanding of all areas of health and fitness.

Home Learning

Children will continue to have one piece of English and Maths Home Learning each week. This will be given out on a Thursday, to be returned on a Tuesday. Creativity Home Learning will be given out at the start of this term and projects are welcomed in throughout the term. Spellings will be handed out on a Friday, with a quiz taking place on the following Friday this term.

Please ensure that you support your child with these tasks, as well as continuing to listen to them read every night at home. Working in partnership is key and will have a positive impact upon your child's progress.

Partnerships

If you have any concerns regarding your child, please ensure that you come and speak to the class teacher or to our Year Leader, Mrs Farr. You may be able to speak to us before or after school or by appointment if this is not possible.