

## Year 4 Parents Letter

### Curriculum

- Target information is given out each half term so you are aware of the work we will be doing. You can also access our curriculum plan on the Engayne website.
- PE will be on a **Tuesday** and swimming is on a **Thursday**. PE kits will be kept in school and sent home at the end of a half term for washing.
- Please can children with long hair ensure they have this tied up.

### Homework

- Homework information will be sent home via Squid every Friday.
- Children will have a spelling test every other week, allowing them two weeks to learn their spellings. Spellings will be sent home on the homework sheet.
- Children are expected to practise spellings and tables each day and we also ask parents/carers to listen to their child **reading** aloud a minimum of **three times a week**.
- Please write in their blue reading diary each time you hear your child read (these diaries should be brought to school each day). These will be checked by teachers each week.
- Sometimes the children may be able to read a text but not completely understand what they are reading, therefore we encourage you to discuss the book with them.
- Children will be expected to know all of their times tables to 12 x 12 by the end of year 4. This a useful website for practising times tables (as well as the Times Tables Rock Stars app):  
<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

**Contacting the teacher** If you need to see the class teacher, you will need to make an appointment via the office for us to ring you at a suitable time. You can also email the office at [contact@engayne.co.uk](mailto:contact@engayne.co.uk) marked for the attention of your child's class teacher.

**Water and snacks** Children are allowed to bring a healthy snack such as vegetables, fruit or crackers for playtime. Please make sure these are in a labelled reusable container. We encourage all children to bring in a water bottle to sit on their desks during the day. Engayne encourages this as a way of helping the children to concentrate. Please ensure that bottles have sports caps to reduce spillage.

**Jewellery** No jewellery is allowed except for digital or analogue watches, no Fitbits please. If children wear earrings they will be asked to take them out.

**Uniform** All children wearing shirts must wear a school tie. School shoes must be black, no trainers or boots.

**Bags** Please keep bags as small as possible as they need to fit into the children's locker, along with PE kits and coats. Children need their reading diary, reading book and a 'sports cap' water bottle every day. Children are allowed a small pencil case that will fit into their trays with rubber, sharpener, pencil and coloured pencils (no pens/crayons). Pencil cases will be sent home if causing a distraction from work. The children are responsible for all their own equipment throughout the year.

### Online safety

We teach the children about staying safe online and their online footprint. We recommend that all parents also talk to their children about safe use of the internet.

- There have been problems for some children in the past caused by social media and phone use. We recommend that parents block sites that the children are not allowed on and that internet use is supervised.