



Welcome to Year Four

In Year Four we shall be building on skills that we already have and extending our knowledge and skills even further. As we are growing up so quickly now, we shall be taking on more responsibility for our own learning and be active learners having fun in the process.

We have got the great topic of Ancient Egypt to start us off. Plus swimming on Tuesdays and brass lessons on alternate Wednesday afternoons - wow!



Reading



Please hear your child read and ask them to predict, give an alternative word from the one in the text, to describe their favourite part or character in less than fifty words etc. It checks their understanding and helps develop comprehension skills.

Also remember to sign and write a brief note in the reading diaries at least once a week. If they are not signed and commented in regularly by an adult, they will not be changed. The comment might be how they read e.g. fluently, with expression, re read it for fluency, read it twice to make sure we understood the story, looked up 'awkward' in the dictionary to check the meaning

Homework



Spellings are given out on Thursday and tested on Tuesday.

Reading books are given out on Thursday and can be brought back, with comments in the diaries and signed by an adult, as soon as they have been read and discussed.

English, Maths, Topic or Religion is set on a Thursday and needs to be returned in the homework folder by Tuesday.

Times tables are tested weekly. We shall be the first class to take a government multiplication and division test in the Summer, so keep going over them all the way to 12 x 12 and try to beat your speed.

Physical Education

Swimming is on Tuesday mornings at Southglade Pool. Children with shoulder length hair should wear swimming caps. Your child should be able to get themselves ready for and after swimming within five minutes. Please name all items. No earrings on Tuesdays, thank you.

P.E. is on Tuesday afternoon with Mr Tinsley and fitness is on a Friday afternoon with Claire. Full P.E. is required for both. Uniform can be ordered in the office if your child has had a growth spurt. Please bring tracksuits as well - just in case - they too should be named.



Help

If there is anything that you would like to see me about, I am available before or after school except for Tuesdays. You can email me at

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and I will try to get back to you promptly.

