



## **St. Anne's C.E. (VC) Primary School**

**"Together with God, Making Learning a Life Long Friend"**

18<sup>th</sup> September, 2019

**FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PERSON WITH PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY**

**RE : YEAR 4 AUTUMN TERM 2019 NEWSLETTER**

Welcome to Year 4 and to what I hope will be a very productive and rewarding year for both your child and me.

Our topic for this half term is Tomb Raiders where we will focus on ancient Egypt both for Geography and History lessons.

Myself and Mrs. Baker will aim to hear the children read individually every week, when reading books will be changed. It is the School's policy for all children to read at least 5 times a week. Each week your child will visit the school library where they will be able to take one of the books home for the week and return the book the following week. It is your child's choice of book and will usually be a book that can be shared with you at home maybe at home time. A love of books and reading is one of the most precious, important gifts anyone can give a child. Your child will reap the benefits for the rest of their lives. Reading encourages imagination, builds understanding, opens up new worlds and helps children reach their full potential. Please make sure that your child's reading book and diary are in their bag every day.

Spelling is a major part of Year 4, and so it will be taught throughout the week through Read, Write Inc. sessions. We also send home spellings practice sheets every Friday, which are then tested on the following Friday. Please ensure that your child brings in their spellings sheets with the next section completed each day. If they prefer to just do the whole thing in one go, then that is not a problem!

In Maths the children will be working on place value as well as the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division both mentally and through written methods. Times tables are a major focus for Year 4, and we do a short times tables test every Friday to check progress. If you would like ideas of how to practise times tables with your child, games to play, etc. then please do not hesitate to get in touch any time.

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Our P.E. days are Wednesday and Friday. **PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD HAS THEIR P.E. KIT PERMANENTLY IN SCHOOL** consisting of white t- shirt, black shorts and pumps, all, of course, clearly marked with your child's name. Any earrings should be removed on these days and long hair tied securely back. During Autumn term, the Friday session will be swimming so please ensure that full swimming kit is in their lockers ready for that.

Homework will be sent home every Friday: a Maths piece and either an English, Science or topic based piece. Homework books need to be returned to school by Wednesday please. Again, if there are ever any questions or issues please do not hesitate to get in touch any time.

Discipline will follow the Good to be Green reward system. Team points will be awarded by hard work and good behaviour, together with stickers and other rewards as appropriate, and we will continue the Star of the Week.

Just a quick reminder that your child can buy toast for 30p a day. Please send this in a named envelope so we can make sure that your child gets the toast. On a Friday it is muffin day so if you would like your child to get a muffin please send in 50p in a named envelope. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Finally, may I just say that I am really looking forward to working with your child this year and to watch them grow and develop further as a learner. I am so excited to work here and to see what we can achieve together throughout what I'm sure will be a wonderful year. Should you have any queries or concerns concerning your child, please do not hesitate to catch me on the door or call into the classroom at **the end of the day**.

I am looking forward to working closely with you throughout the year.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Nixon  
Year 4 Teacher

***P.S. A date for your diary: we have a meeting regarding the Laches Wood residential trip that you are invited to attend on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30 p.m.***

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