

January 2025

Dear families

### Term 3 Information for Year 4

Please see below, important dates and information which will be relevant for this term.

- **P.E.** will be swimming this term. Swimming will be every Thursday afternoon. Please remember to send the children to school with a swimming costume, towel and goggles in a bag each week. They are allowed to wear their PE kit on this day to make changing easier.
- **Reading:** This term, we will continue using the Accelerated Reader (AR) scheme. Children have the opportunity to complete a quiz related to their book and move up a level based on their score. The children are being asked to complete a quiz with a score of 100% to move up a level. Please encourage your child to complete the quiz after each book.
- **Reading for Pleasure:** We will be continuing our 'Reading for Pleasure' library books this term. Your child will have the option to bring home an additional book each week from the class' 'Reading for Pleasure' library box. There will be a range of fiction and non-fiction story books to select from. Children will sign their book out, like a library, and sign it back in when it is time to change it. This is completely optional for children to take alongside their Age-Related book they bring home each week. If children decide to take home a Reading for Pleasure book, please ensure it is returned to school each week with their normal reading book so that they can choose a new story to sign out.
- **Times tables:** We have the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) this year so there will be an extra focus on timetables. We will be doing work in school to support this. However, if children can practice their times tables at home that would be very helpful. They will find that throughout the year, they will need to rely on their multiplication facts throughout many areas of maths. It will be very beneficial to their learning as well as the MTC if they can recall these fluently.

### Homework will include:

- **Reading:** Daily Reading. Please aim to write in the reading records at least 4 times a week (2 times a week minimum). Encourage children to read their schoolbooks, however, any form of reading can be written in to their reading records. We want to celebrate all reading. Remember, raffle tickets are awarded for the number of reads recorded! We are happy for the children to write in their reading records but please can you just initial to confirm.
- **Homework menu:** Children can choose from a range of different activities which will be linked to our topic. These will be sent out with your topic web. Please send in any completed homework so that it can be celebrated in class.
- **TTRS:** With the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) approaching this year we are encouraging the children to practise their tables as often as possible to increase their fluency. Keep an eye out for competitions between classes and year groups!



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- Times tables: A sheet will be sent home every Friday for the children to complete. Please bring the completed sheets back to school by the following Thursday so that we can check the answers together.
- Spellings: A list of new spellings will be sent home every Friday for the children to practise. A test of these spellings will take place every Friday.

**Topic:** As Geographers, we will be developing our locational knowledge of England focussing on the south-east and London.

**Birthday Treats:**

- **Birthday Treats:** a reminder that due to health and safety, please do not bring in sweet treats to share with the class on their birthday or other events.

Important dates	
Monday 6 January	INSET Day
Tuesday 7 January	First day of Term 3
Every Thursday from 9 January until 13 February	Swimming
Friday 17 January	Open Door Day 8:25 – 8:40
Friday 14 February	Last day of Term 3
Monday 24 February	INSET Day
Tuesday 25 February	First day for Term 4

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Year 4 team.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Year 4 Team