

A note from Miss Bailey and Mrs Appleton

Welcome back – I hope you've had a lovely summer break, and the children are looking forward to Year 4. I very much look forward to working with the children and seeing them grow. As you know we now start the school day at 8.45am by lining up.

Should you need to speak to me, you can either phone the office or catch me at the cloakroom door at the end of the day.

Year 4 – Class 9 Autumn Term

Important Reminders:

PE will be on a Wednesday afternoon. We will be learning some **hockey skills**. Children should come into school in their PE kit.

We aim to be outside as much as possible, but as we have now entered Autumn, we may have to move inside.

After October half-term, we will be learning doing some gymnastics.

Children also complete the active mile on a Thursday and Friday, so they may wish to bring trainers to change into for this activity.

This term in class we are learning about...

- **English** – our Guided Reading text is 'Matilda'. I am sure the children will love this classic Roald Dahl story.
- **Art** – our Culture Week country is Colombia where we will be learning about Vianey. We will be creating some abstract portraits using collage skills.
- **History** – our first History topic is Stone Age to Iron Age. Children will be learning about settlements and society. After October half-term, we will be studying Ancient Egypt, specifically looking at their settlements and beliefs.
- **Geography** – our first Geography topic is all about map features. Children will learn about the tropics and time zones. After October half-term we will be exploring Europe.
- **Science** – our first Science topic is called Light and shadows, through which children will explore how shadows are created and how they can change. After October half-term, we will be looking at Changing Sound.
- **D&T** – our first topic is all about shell structures. The children will be working in groups to create a cardboard chair structure.

Homework:

We will continue to be set homework each week. Homework is set on a Monday and needs to be completed by a Friday.

Homework is now in a book, instead of being online.

Banded books will be sent home from the end of this week. These will be checked through the week and replaced once completed.

Please ensure you child brings their banded book into school each day.

Educational Visits and assemblies this half term:

We have the following activities this half-term:

- **Parents Evening – Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th October**
- **Harvest Festival – Wednesday 25th October (details TBC)**

