



ST. STEPHEN'S JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

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We welcome you to the beginning of an exciting and promising school year, and hope that you find the following information useful in explaining some of the procedures for Year 4 pupils.

The Year 4 teaching staff are:

Mr Raffell - Head of Year 4/Plum Class
Mr May – Lower School Phase Leader/Palm Class
Mr Owen – Pine Class
Miss East - Pear Class

YEAR 4 SUPPORT STAFF

Miss Reynolds
Miss Russell
Miss Cooper
Mrs Vallieres

Our topic for the Autumn term is Ancient Egypt. We will be learning all about the impact of this ancient civilization for our first History topic and discovering about what life looked like for these people.

EQUIPMENT

PE kits should be worn to school on a Tuesday as this will be the day Year 4 do PE. No jewellery should be worn, so if your child wears earrings please show them how to remove them. It is also asked that long hair is tied back for PE. We encourage all children to wear house t-shirts which can be purchased at the school office, together with black shorts. Dark track suit bottoms and socks are generally worn for games lessons during the winter months.

Please ensure that your child only brings to school the equipment that is needed for their lessons. We kindly ask that all toys or cards are left at home to avoid them being lost, broken or causing disputes.

Your child should bring in the following equipment: pencil, rubber, sharpener, 30cm ruler, and a handwriting pen (not a biro). These pens are available to buy from the School Office for price of 50p. It is also important that water bottles are brought in daily.

PLEASE LABEL ALL EQUIPMENT CLEARLY.

HOMEWORK

Weekly homework will consist of practicing their times tables and spellings for the weekly test. Spelling tests will most commonly be taking place on a Monday and new spellings will be given out on a Tuesday. Like last year, there will also be a termly badge spelling test based on the statutory word lists. Children will continue from where they left off in Year 3.

Times tables will be tested on Fridays, and like last year, Times Tables Rock Stars can be used to help them practice these. This will be a focus for our year group because the children we will be completing the national multiplication tables check which is statutory for Year 4 pupils in primary schools.

It is expected that children read for at least 20 minutes daily. All children will be making use of the Accelerated Reader resource which is available in school to ensure children are reading books which provide an appropriate level of challenge and allows regular assessments and recommendations of books. Children will be able to bring these books home to read but are needed every day in school so should be brought to school daily.

REWARDS

We will continue to use class dojo to motivate the children and these incentives will be given to children who are demonstrating the school values in positive ways. In order to facilitate links between us and yourselves, we actively encourage the use of communication through Class Dojo and we will be using this platform to keep you informed of upcoming events and our work in class.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and cooperation and say that we are all looking forward to a fun and productive year.

If you have any questions, please do approach your child's class teacher or myself. However, if the matter requires a longer discussion, it may be better to make an appointment.

Yours faithfully,
Mr Raffell
Head of Year 4