



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 four pupils.

The year 4 teaching staff are:

Miss Jackson -Co-Head of Year 4/Pine Class

Mr May - Co-Head of Year 4/Palm Class

Mr Chamberlain / Miss East -Plum Class

Mrs Skinner-Pear Class

YEAR 4 SUPPORT STAFF

Ms Connolly

Miss Atwell

Mr Gough

Miss Isaac

Our topic for the Autumn term is the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. We will be learning all about the impact the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings had on Britain and the local area. Our topic will include a trip to Canterbury Cathedral to learn about how the Vikings influenced Canterbury and also a Viking day in the second term!

EQUIPMENT

PE kits should be left in school as PE takes place regularly during the week. 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. Suitable clothes and footwear for Forest School should also be left in school. Both PE and Forest School lessons will be occurring on Tuesdays, however, PE kit may be needed on other days also.

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. It is also important that water bottles are brought in daily.

PLEASE LABEL ALL EQUIPMENT CLEARLY.

Creativity

Independence

Respect

HOMEWORK

Topic based homework will remain the same as last year, with a menu sent out during the course of the term with suggestions on topic-based projects for your child to complete before the end of term.

Weekly homework will consist of practising their times tables and spellings for the weekly test. Spelling test will be on a Monday and new spellings will be available online from Tuesday with paper copies being available on request. More information about this will follow shortly. 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 Thursdays, and like last year, Times Tables Rock Stars can be used to help them practise these.

It is expected that children read daily for at least 20 minutes daily. We will be keeping a record of the books the children are reading, however, school planners are no longer being utilised.

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 either of us. However, if the matter requires a longer discussion, it may be better to make an appointment.

Yours faithfully,
Miss Jackson & Mr May
Heads of Year 4