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Dear parents, carers and children,

Welcome to Year 4! We are very excited to welcome you back to school where we have lots of great learning planned for the coming year. Our first learning journey has a geography focus of 'On our doorstep: How has Southbourne changed?' Please look at the topic grid for more information about what the children will be learning in each curriculum area.

Trips planned so far for this half term:

Tuesday 23rd September - Kestrel (morning trip) - Prinsted to Nutbourne Walk

Wednesday 24th September - Hawk (morning trip)- Prinsted to Nutbourne Walk

Most of our school routines you will already know from last year. However, here are some important highlights...

Times Tables will be crucial in Year 4. The National Curriculum states that by the end of Year 4 the children should know their times tables up to 12x12, they will be carrying out the multiplication national check in summer term to assess this expectation. Regular practice on Times Tables Rockstars as well as times tables booklets and games will help children with rapid recall. We will be monitoring practice on TTRS and children will be rewarded with certificates, badges and celebrations within the classroom.

Homework will consist of a maths arithmetic challenge and reading. Please encourage your child to read every day! Remember to sign the sheet in their homework diary so that they can earn their Reading Miles. Homework books will be checked every Monday morning. The maths will be set on Monday each week and will be due the following Monday. All children are expected to complete their homework. Homework will be stuck into their homework diaries and should be completed here. Homework will be marked on Monday mornings and any misconceptions the children have can be addressed during this time.

Year 4 PE days are Tuesday and Friday. A reminder that the children must have the correct PE kit in school: white t-shirt with school logo, navy blue shorts and trainers. Children with pierced ears will be asked to remove earrings: if they cannot, they should bring their own micropore tape with which to cover them. Our PE lessons will take place outside as much as possible so please provide your children with navy blue tracksuit bottoms, jumpers and waterproofs to avoid them getting cold. In the Spring term we will be taking the children swimming at Westgate Leisure Centre. More information will be sent out nearer the time.

As the children are no longer the youngest in the school we will be encouraging greater independence and higher levels of personal organisation. Please encourage your child to take responsibility for tasks such as checking they have their reading books each morning and ensuring that homework is completed on time.

Finally, please don't hesitate to talk to us if you have any questions or concerns at any point in the year. Either grab us out on the playground or arrange a phone call via the school office.

We are really looking forward to working with you this year to ensure that your child reaches their full potential and has a memorable Year 4 experience!

The Year 4 Team - Mrs Kelly and Miss Alford