

Elizabeth Á Linney – Principal

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the first half term of Year 4! Mrs Livesey, Mrs Butcher, Miss Mackie and Mrs Liggitt are looking forward to all the exciting things we have planned for this half term.

This half term we will be focusing on the Geography based topic of 'Me in My World' with a specific focus on Europe. We will be making links across the curriculum and relating our learning this half-term to this topic.

**Here is a list of our subjects for this half term:**

**English** - We will be covering a number of different genres this term including narratives such as 'The Dragon of Krakow' and 'Narnia'.

It is essential that your child reads every day and that this is recorded and signed in their Reading Journal. When children finish their books please write this in the comments so we know they need to choose another book. Children should aim to get their reading journals signed at least five times a week. We are continuing with the same library system 'Accelerated Reader', this year which enables your child to choose books with a ZPD level specific to their reading ability. We aim for your child to change their reading book at least once per week, but the children are encouraged to read additional books at home, if they finish their library books. Children should record the titles of these additional books, along with their opinions too!

**Spelling** - In line with the new national curriculum, the children in Year 4 will be covering the spelling lists for years 3-4 in weekly spelling lessons. Lists of words to learn will be sent home on the Monday in class to be learnt throughout the week and the children will be tested on the Friday. It is very important that the children practice these to help them with their writing stages.

**Maths**- This half term we will focus on number. This includes: Place value, addition, shape, measure and data. Children will be tested on their times tables and mental maths strategies every other week on Fridays. Problem solving will be taught throughout all maths lessons; enabling the children to use and apply the skills learnt that week.

**Science** - Living Things and Their Habitats.

**PE** - Developing personal skills and physical fitness

**PSHCE** - Who are these people? Understanding more about themselves and the various relationships they have with people in their lives.

**Art/ Design and technology** - Cross curricular link with Geography and Science

**Computing** - We will be focusing on e-safety with the children and using the iPads and Chromebooks to develop a range of keyboard skills across the pages/keynote and numbers apps.

**Geography** - Me and My World - Europe

**Homework will be set on a Friday to be handed in on the following Wednesday.**

Practicing times tables with your child would be a great help too.

**Please make sure your child has the correct PE kit in school and make sure your child is not wearing any jewellery such as necklaces.**

The children will be rewarded for good attendance. **Attendance is crucial for children to continue to make good progress this year. If your child is absent please ensure that you ring the school by 9.30 am to inform of the reason for absence. A note must also be written explaining your child's absence on their return to school.**

All children are expected to come to school in full uniform as this is reflective of their learning and their attitude towards school. If a child has an item of uniform missing then they will receive a warning. If that item continues to be missing then the child will miss their playtime. Consistent failure to attend school without the correct uniform will result in referral to a member of the SLT.

Your child should bring their book bag every day. We would expect your child to read at home **every day** and for a comment to be written by an adult **at least** three times a week.

We are happy to see you if you have any concerns, questions or problems. After school is the best time for a longer discussion.

Mrs Butcher, Mrs Livesey, Miss Mackie and Mrs Liggitt



