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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 4! We certainly have a busy term of learning planned between now and Christmas. Our main areas of study are shown on the topic web overleaf. This letter contains some key information about the year ahead, much of which was shared in the Year 4 'Meet the Teacher' session.

Contact

It has been great to see many of you at the classroom door at pick-up time over the last week and this is always a great opportunity to share brief information. If you want a longer chat that can't be dealt with at the door, you are welcome to email us on our class emails: 4LB@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk or 4BC@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk. We aim to check these emails twice weekly so if your question or concern is more urgent, please phone the school office or send a note in with your child.

Home Learning

We are sure that most of you are familiar with our Home Learning strategy. We want to guarantee that pupils all the way through the school practise their reading, mental arithmetic, rapid recall of Maths facts and spellings – aiming for four or five times a week, every week. These are classed as Essential Learning. We also want to continue to foster the love of learning and therefore you will find a variety of activities for pupils to engage in. They relate to activities which allow pupils to extend and further their interest in aspects that have already been covered in school. These are classified as 'optional' for parents (not pupils) allowing parents to manage their children's time effectively. If fitting in extra activities is going to be tricky – a particularly busy week - then you can choose which ones to prioritise. The sheet will also contain weekly spelling lists, key information to remember (including dates), a learning synopsis and a space for you to add any comments.

In Year 4, Home Learning sheets will be sent home every **Friday** (and uploaded onto the Year 4 page on the school website) and need to be returned to school by the following **Thursday**. Please do ensure Home Learning sheets are returned so that we can keep you informed about spelling test results and read any comments you have made. We love to see what the children have been doing at home so they are welcome to bring their learning into school to show the class. Alternatively, you can email documents or images to us at the class email addresses above. Please ensure that your child brings their current reading book into school every day. Don't forget to record when you read with your child on Boom Reader.

Times-Tables Focus

As you may be aware, children in Year 4 will be required to participate in a times-tables assessment (MTC) in June 2025. This is a requirement for all schools. With this in mind, please ensure that practising times tables as well as division facts with your child is a priority. Please can you encourage your child to go on TTRS regularly to practise their instant recall of multiplication facts. If you would like to see what the MTC may look like, please click on the QR code at the end of the letter or go on the Soundcheck on TTRS

P.E.

PE sessions differ each week, with PE taking place twice each week, on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. We encourage the children to bring their PE bags into school on Mondays and to take them home each Friday for the weekend wash! The kit is a royal blue T-shirt & shorts, trainers, and a dark, plain tracksuit for outdoor PE. Base layers may also be worn if desired but must also be plain blue, black or grey. The coloured house-team jerseys are not part of the standard school kit and should only be worn for house-team events. Earrings are not to be worn on days that the children have PE and hair longer than shoulder length needs to be tied back. For girls who usually wear tights, please supply a pair of socks.

Pencil Cases

To help children be successful, it is really important that they attend school each day with the correct equipment for learning. In Year 4, they are expected to have their own small pencil case filled named items. Children are welcome to bring a second pencil case with colouring pencils; however, this should remain in their bag until needed.

You may wish to include the following **named items**:

- HB pencils for writing
- Coloured pencils
- Erasers
- 30cm rulers (not folding or flexible ones please)
- A glue stick (preferably one that is not coloured)
- Pencil sharpeners (preferably with their own collection boxes).

We are committed to providing your children with a rich, diverse and enjoyable Year 4. We look forward to working in partnership with you this year! Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time during the year if you have any queries.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Bean, Miss Bartholomew and Miss Collins



Maths Frame Multiplication Check