

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the children and parents to Class Four and give a special welcome to the new children in the class. I hope that you all had a lovely summer and found time to relax and enjoy time with your family.

Mrs Littlewood, Class 4's teaching assistant, will be supporting your child with their learning this year and Mrs Worth will be teaching the class on Tuesday mornings when I will be working in my PPA time. Mrs Worth will be teaching SPAG, (Spelling, punctuation and grammar), French and P.E.

P.E. will be twice a week and will be on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please see the attached sheet regarding appropriate kit.

We will be studying two main topics this term, the first of which will be about Elizabeth 1 and the Spanish Armada. As well as covering aspects of the history curriculum, the children will also be exploring the topic through literacy, art, geography and dance. Our second topic will be about aspects of France, where we will be comparing the country with aspects of our own. If any of you have been on holiday to France, it would be great if we could share some of your photographs of the country / food / way of life etc.

I encourage children to read every evening at home as I strongly believe that reading is the key that unlocks doors to learning. Once a month your child will be asked to complete a review of the book that they are reading. Please could you also ensure that your child's small reading notebook is dated and signed by you twice weekly, so that I know that she/he has read at home.

Every Friday your child will have a spelling test on the words that they are given on a Monday. Please encourage your child to spend some time with you learning them. Homework is usually set for the weekend and will be some literacy, numeracy or topic work. This needs to be given in on the following Monday. I would also like to ask you to help your child practise his / her times-tables on a regular basis as these will really help his / her mental arithmetic skills.

There will be a parents' evening later this half term, but in the meantime please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns. If you cannot find me in Class, I can usually be found in the hall where I am teaching violin lessons.

I'm very much looking forward to teaching your child this year where he / she will have to work very hard, but will also have lots of fun!

Yours sincerely,

K. Smith