

Welcome back

I hope you had a great summer and are looking forward to the new term. We have lots to look forward to and I plan to make sure your children feel both motivated, enthused and challenged in their learning throughout the year.

Equipment:

In class 4, the children are encouraged to have their own writing equipment in a small pencil case. **Blue gel or ink pens only please** and a **coloured biro for editing**. They also need pencils and highlighters. Coloured pencils and pens are useful but we do have a good stock of these in class.

As always, the children are encouraged to bring a water bottle to keep them hydrated and help their concentration. As we are enjoying the prolonged summer weather this is especially important!

The children will have PE twice a week (**Tuesday and Wednesday**) but should always have their **labelled** PE kit in school. It is important that they have the correct clothing and are responsible for it.

Homework:

The children will receive Spelling and Maths homework every week. Weekly spellings will be set on Monday and tested the following Monday. Maths homework will also be set on Monday and due that Friday.

Many of the expectations and additional responsibilities they are given in class 4 are in preparation for secondary school where they will of course be expected to be independent. Parents of **year 6** children should now have the information for secondary places applications.

If you have any concerns or worries please come and speak to me or another member of staff, or send a brief note in with your child.

Miss Martindale

Autumn Term Overview

Maths: Our main focus this term is to develop a sound understanding of number through **problem solving and reasoning**. Children will be given the opportunity to develop their skills in both written and mental numeracy across all four operations. We also plan to investigate:

- Place Value: Investigating numbers to a million and beyond, number patterns, ordering numbers, estimating and rounding
- Measurement: Use, read, write and convert between standard units, converting measurements of length, mass, volume and time from a smaller unit of measure to a larger unit, and vice versa, using decimal notation up to 3 decimal places

Ask your child about the times table weekly challenge!

English:

Writing: This term the children will be busy building their vocabulary through poetry. They will write a poem using a stimulus picture and learn and recite their own poem as part of a poetic performance!

This term will also cover non-fiction writing. Once our explorers have visited every inch of the globe we will share our knowledge and create a class explanation booklet: 'How to be a World Explorer!'

It is worth noting that there will be a heavy focus on grammar, spelling and comprehension throughout the year to support Year 6 in the lead up to SAT's.

Reading: Although many of the children are confident readers, it is important that they continue to develop their skills of reading, understanding and questioning. An hourly-guided whole class reading session will take place once a week alongside focused guided group discussions. During this time children will read an age appropriate book and be expected to answer questions and uncover meaning such as the author's motives. **Weekly reading homework will also be given on Thursdays.**

The children will be expected to have a free-choice reading book. Please support your child by checking that they are reading **every day**, including to an adult as often as possible. **Ask your child about our 'reading horserace challenge!'**



Science – This term Class 4 will exploring Space!

RE - The Autumn term will be spent helping children to understand and compare key beliefs held by Christians and other world religions including

Geography / History: For the first part of the term we are excited to announce our Geography topic: 'Extreme Earth, Marvellous Mountains and Raging Rivers.' As well as expanding our knowledge of the location and characteristics of a range of the world's most significant human and physical features, we also plan to use geography across the curriculum to answer questions such as: "What other countries in the world have a population of 66 million when rounded?" And "How many pennies would you need to reach the top of Mount Everest?"

Art: In keeping with our explorers theme, we plan to use a range of medias to sketch, paint and charcoal a range of beautiful yet sometimes deadly landscapes across the globe.

PE: The children will be taught by a sports coach on Wednesdays and a class teacher on Thursdays. For this term they will be take part in Tennis and Circuit Games. There may be sporting opportunities through the term and I will pass on details as they arise.

PSHE: Our theme is New Beginnings. We will have regular assemblies to support this and exploring how and why we 'get on' or 'fall out' with one another, and how we can deal with it. Current topics and areas that call for understanding will be covered as they arise.

MFL: It will mainly involve speaking and listening and writing basic words and phrases.

Computing: At Little Gaddesden School this is integral to teaching and learning. This term class 4 will design, write and debug programs that accomplish specific goals. They will also have the opportunity to solve problems by decomposing them into smaller parts and use sequence, selection, and repetition in programs. The children will also have many opportunities to make use of the Laptops and IPADs across the curriculum.



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independent and enthusiastic learners
and confident individuals..."*

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