

Welcome back

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas 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 Friday. Maths homework will also be set on Monday and due that Friday. Year 6 will also have reading comprehension.

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.

Mrs Patel

**Spring Term Overview**



**Maths:** Our main focus this term is to develop a deeper understanding of number, proportion, geometry and measurement through **high level reasoning**:

**Algebraic Reasoning:** Inspired by WW2 code-breaker Alan Turing (our ‘mathematician of the term’), this sequence provides a brief opportunity to use simple formulae; Express missing number problems algebraically and pairs of numbers that satisfy an equation with two unknown variables

**Spatial Reasoning:** This sequence develops pupils’ understanding of volume, making links to previous work on area, and developing understanding of square and cube numbers.

**Positional reasoning:** This sequence builds upon learning in lower KS2 where pupils develop their knowledge of comparing and ordering angles and begin to identify types of angles and find the missing angle through reasoning.

**Maths, History and Computing School Trip:** We are excited to announce that our first trip of the new term will be to the once top secret home of the World War Two Codebreakers: Bletchley Park.

**Login into your child’s Rock Star Challenge and Arithmetic Bootcamp (available through our blog and each pupil can independently login with their individual username and password card) to view their weekly progress and test results!**

**English:**

**Writing:** This term the children will be busy building their vocabulary through a mixture of high-level fictional genres including our Class Book which will be chosen by the children on our class blog! This term we plan to write a range of fiction pieces including: *A Quest Story*; *A diary entry*; A Persuasive letter; A descriptive poem; A warning poster and a 500 word story

**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:** An hourly-guided whole class reading session will take place once a week alongside a weekly group guided reading to give all children the

opportunity to be heard. Our focus will be high level fiction and being exposed to a wide range of question types that we hope will lead to high-level discussions and a deeper understand of the author's choices.

**Your child will be expected to have a free-choice reading book from the 100 book choices (see our Class 4 blog for more information). Please ensure that you read with your child for 20 minutes every day.**

**Science** – Earth and Space: Class 4 will be exploring our solar system and what we currently know about the planets within.

**RE** – RE this term will focus on Identity and belonging in Christianity. We will discuss and compare views on how we see God and think about what it means to belong to a faith, how this affects a person's life and what makes a faith leader.

**History:** Class 4 will learn all about the invasions of the Scots and Anglo-Saxons in the 5th century. From how, where and why the invasions of Britain took place after the Roman withdrawal to considering how the Anglo-Saxons were converted to Christianity in Britain.

**Geography:** Did you know the Saxons settled in Little Gaddesden and that Gaddesden was originally called Goat Valley? In addition to developing our map reading skills by locating the seven Anglo-Saxon kingdoms in the UK, we will also be exploring the local Geography of Little Gaddesden from 570AD to 1066.



**PE:** The children will be taught Gymnastics by a sports coach on Wednesdays and Tag Rugby on Thursdays. There will be sporting opportunities throughout the term and I will pass on details as they arise.

**PSHE:** This term we plan to set new year's resolutions, reflect and work towards a growth-mindset and being independent learners!

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

**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.

## Class 4



*"...curious and creative thinkers,  
independent and enthusiastic learners  
and confident individuals..."*

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