Fairfield Community Primary School

Important information about Year 4

In Year 4 we aim to provide a positive, safe, stimulating and fun environment for your child to learn within. As always, if you need to discuss anything further to this letter or have any queries then please do not hesitate to ask a member of the Year 4 term.

The Year 4 Team

Mr Keene – Class Teacher
Miss Peel (Learning Support Assistant)
Miss Hill (SHLTA covering the class on Friday’s)
Miss Jones (Year 3 teacher covering the class on Wednesday mornings when Mr. Keene is swimming with Year 3)

Themed Work this Year

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As with previous years, Science, Computing, P.E, R.E and French will be taught weekly alongside the themed work.

Homework and helping at home

All primary schools are expected to set homework for pupils. The children in Year 4 will be given manageable tasks that reinforce and extend their learning in school or which allow children and parents to work together in an enjoyable way. Pupils are expected to complete homework and hand it in on time. Homework will usually be issued on a Thursday and will be expected in by Monday. If there are any particular difficulties with this then just let a member of the Year 4 team know.

When it has been received, pupils will receive a house point in return. Additional house points may be rewarded depending upon the quality of work for each individual child.

Once or twice in the year, pupils may be asked to work on an extended project with several weeks to complete. At other times, parents can help their children to research the themed work we are covering in each term.

Reading – As always, one of the best ways to help your child is for you to read aloud to them. This is beneficial for all children, regardless of their reading proficiency.
Children can always concentrate on the understanding of the text, learning new words and meanings and developing a general love of reading.

In Year 4, children will be heard read individually and in small groups during ‘Carousel’. Children will be asked to complete a task that reinforces what they have read in their reading books in order to ensure their level of understanding. Once completed, their reading book will be changed by Miss Peel. We recommend that children bring their reading book to school every in preparation for use in ‘Carousel’ and occasions where children will be read with on an individual basis.

**E-Safety**

Many families now have computers at home and allow children to access the Internet to help with learning activities. Whilst the internet is a fantastic resource and children can benefit greatly, please ensure that they are properly supervised or that your computer is adequately protected with filters to prevent children from accessing inappropriate material.

As always, the school take this very seriously. Throughout the year, children will be taught about staying safe on-line. For further guidance on this you can refer to CEOP [www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk/) (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre).

In addition, Safer Internet Day is on February 9th 2016.

**Uniform / Equipment**

Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform and that all items are clearly named. The school uniform policy is available from the office and on the school website, [www.fairfieldcpschool.co.uk](http://www.fairfieldcpschool.co.uk). We have a lost property box at the school. If your child loses any item then please check here first of all.

With regards to P.E, the school uniform policy again outlines the correct kit required. Kit should be kept in a drawstring bag that would fit easily on a cloakroom peg. Year 4’s P.E time will be on a Tuesday and a Wednesday afternoon. P.E times may change to accommodate specialist coaching or other class arrangements but children will be informed before this takes place.

For health and safety reasons, earrings should not be worn for P.E. It would be helpful for children to wear earrings on the days that Year 4 will do P.E or if they are capable of removing them themselves.

Please remember that P.E kits should be taken home at least once a half term in order to be washed.

All other equipment needed for tasks within school will be provided.
Swimming in Year 4

Children will begin swimming in Year 4 on the 9th December 2015. We will swim for 12 weeks, on a Wednesday morning finishing on the 9th of March 2016. It would be helpful if this could be paid for as a block payment prior to the children starting.

I will also be taking Year 3 swimming for 12 weeks from the 9th of September 2015. During this time, the class will be covered by Miss Jones (the Year 3 teacher).

Music in Year 4

Every Tuesday morning, the children will be taught to play a stringed instrument as a class ensemble, between 9:00 and 9:45. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to be taught by a specialist music teacher. Children will be assigned an individual instrument which they will need to take home to practice. There will be an agreement/insurance form issued that parents will be asked to sign which will be sent out next week.

Clubs open to Year 4

There will be a number of clubs available to the children in Year 4. Further letters will be sent out soon with more information specific to this.

Diary dates

13th October 2015 - Parent’s Evening (Late) 5:00 – 8:00pm
15th October 2015 – Individual school photos
15th October 2015 – Parent’s Evening (Early) 3:30pm – 6:30pm
19th October 2015 to 23rd October 2015 – Half Term
13th November 2015 – Children in Need – Champions of Change
w/c 16th November 2015 – Anti-bullying week
9th December 2015 – Swimming starts for Year 4
21st December to 1st January 2015 – Christmas Holidays

We hope this has been helpful. Once again, please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries, concerns or problems.

Mr Keene and Miss Peel.