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Building Each Other Up in Love and Learning

Monday 13th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you and your families have had a restful break and that your children are ready and keen to start their new academic year. As a staff team, we are already looking forward to the excitement and new opportunities which getting to teach a new class of children brings - especially after all that has happened in 2021 so far!

Normally we would be gathering for a Curriculum Evening in school at this time of year to discuss all the exciting opportunities Year 4 brings for your child but due to current guidelines this sadly cannot happen. Instead, we will be holding this curriculum evening online via Google Meet. The Year 4 meeting will be on Wednesday 15th September at 7pm. It covers much of this letter in more detail and we hope that it gives you both an understanding and an insight into life in Year 4.

Religious Education and Worship

This year we are excited to continue with our new school values. These are: friendship, thankfulness, kindness, forgiveness, respect (for the environment), service and peace.

Each year group has been allocated with a spiritual value. During RE lessons and Class Worship time children will have the opportunity to learn and reflect upon their value using a range of resources, such as Biblical stories and verses, world news and events, and personal experiences.

The children will also be encouraged to take ownership of their year group value by thinking about how it could be implemented in to the school and wider community, for example raising money for charities or helping the school to be more eco-friendly.

The spiritual value for Year 4 is respect for the environment.

Reading

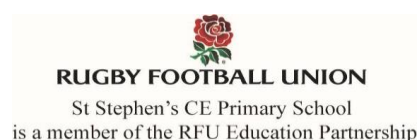
It is impossible to over emphasise the positive impact that reading has on your child's education and development. This key life skill, when learned and enjoyed at an early age, will improve your children's independent writing, expand their vocabulary, broaden their viewpoint on life, improve their concentration and expand their imagination. For these reasons, we would ask that you devote a little time each day for reading together with your son or daughter. Whatever form these sessions take: whether you share a book, take it in turns to read, listen to your child read or you are there to pose questions about what has been read, this is one of the best ways you can help your child flourish as a learner! This year we will return to physical copies of the children's reading diaries.

Accelerated Reader

The website to log on to is: <https://ukhosted59.renlearn.co.uk/6712885>

The child's user name comes from the initial of their first name and then the first 4 letters of their surname.

Eg: Jane Smith would be jsmit



Spelling

We really value your support in helping your child to learn their spellings. Opportunities are given during the school day for the children to learn these spellings. We encourage you to check that your child is accessing Readwriter and rehearsing their new words each evening ahead of the spelling tests they will receive in class.

Times Tables Rock Stars

The website to log on to is: <https://play.trockstars.com/auth/school/student>

The child's username is their surname with a capital letter. All children have been given their passwords confidentially. At the end of Year 4 all children take a government mandated times table test. At home practise will support the children in feeling confident when the time comes to complete this and help free up working memory for the children to take on more challenging tasks within Maths lessons.

Google Classroom

The new Year 4 Google Classroom will be a hub for everything the children need to support them with their learning this academic year. Please encourage your child to check this regularly to ensure they utilise all of the resources there. Children have joined their new classroom in school already and have all secured access to this.

Homework

This year all homework will be completed online via online platforms that your child is already familiar with such as Readwriter, Mathletics, TTRS, Accelerated Reader etc. Homework will be set on a Monday and will need to be completed by the following Monday. Homework will start from the w/c 13th of September.

Timetable

You will have access to your child's weekly timetable for the Autumn Term on their Google Classroom, however, please do be aware this is changeable week on week, dependent on trips, visitors etc.

PE and Games

Our PE and Games are as below. Please may we ask that children attend school on these days in their St. Stephen's PE kit with spare trainers in a separate bag in case of wet and muddy weather. A waterproof jacket and a water bottle should also be available at all times in school but specifically on these days.

- 4M and 4G - Games Thursday
- 4M - PE Friday
- 4G - PE Tuesday

Communication and Dates

As always, if you have any concerns, worries or just want a quick informal chat, please do not hesitate to get in touch with either of us via the year4@st-stephens.richmond.sch.uk.

We very much look forward to the academic year ahead!

Kindest Regards,

The Year 4 Team

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