



Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a fantastic summer break! I am enjoying getting to know your children and I look forward to getting to know you too. This term our key theme will be 'Potions' where we will be looking at creating our own and looking at famous scientists from the past. In science we will be looking at states of matter (solids, liquids and gases.) and using research tools in ICT to create presentations. In art we will be looking at portraits and developing our observational skills.

### Homework

Maths or Literacy homework will be set on a Friday to be returned by the following Wednesday. Occasionally there may also be small tasks related to our other areas of learning. Reading at home is essential and comments in the reading diary relating to this are very useful. Reading books will be changed and levels altered when we feel a child is confident with decoding the text, but also shows a solid understanding of the text read. With new curriculum expectations, it is vital that the children in Year 4 learn and secure their times tables up to 10 x 10. Regular practice at home is extremely important and the children will be tested weekly using a times tables challenge activity to assess their progress. Spelling homework will also be provided on a Friday and will be based on a new Read, Write Inc programme that we are using in class.

### PE

We are hoping for some good autumn weather for the 1<sup>st</sup> half term so we have planned for both P.E. sessions to be outside. The Wednesday session will be circuit style games (weather permitting) or Dance in the hall. The Thursday session will be taken by a Multi Sports Pro coach and this term we are participating in hockey with the focus being on attacking and defending skills.

A reminder that school PE kit should be worn. Suitable footwear is also required for outdoor games. A change of footwear and suitable socks are very important as many of the lessons will be on the field. It is advisable to leave earrings and jewellery at home on P.E. days.

Please support your child by ensuring they have their named P.E. Kit in school.

### Water Bottles.

Please send your child to school with a water bottle to keep in the classroom. This will need to be taken home and washed regularly.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support with your child's learning,

With kind regards,

Mrs K Malone