



# St John's Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Welcome to Year 4!

I have really enjoyed getting to know the class over the last week. They have been an absolute delight to teach and have settled in brilliantly to life as a Year 4.

This term our topic is "Go Green!" and we have lots of exciting learning planned – please see the attached topic grid for more information. Also watch this space for upcoming local excursions, mainly involving studying our local area on foot.

### PE:

This term PE will take place on Monday and Thursday afternoons. It is expected that most lessons will take place outside and so tracksuit trousers and sports trainers would be most suitable. For lessons inside, children should have blue or black shorts and a plain white t-shirt. Earrings are not permitted to be worn during PE so should be taken out or covered with tape. It is unlikely children will be required to change back into uniform after their lesson, so their kit can go home on Monday and be returned to school on Thursday.

**Forest School:** Year 4 will not have Forest School during Term 1. Once we begin our Forest School sessions in Term 2, kit should include a long sleeved t-shirt and full length trousers as well as shoes or boots suitable for the weather. Waterproofs are also essential as we can never guarantee the weather!

### Class Dojo:

This year we will continue to use Class Dojo to award points to children. They can earn points for hard work, good attitudes towards learning, helping others etc. This is also the main way I will be able to communicate to you all, with messages and reminders about things happening in class. You should already have been sent a request to link up with the 2021-22 Year 4 Class Dojo account – do let me know if you are yet to receive this.

### Healthy Snack:

If children begin to feel a little peckish prior to lunch time then they are more than welcome to bring in an extra healthy snack in their lunch boxes or pop a piece of fruit into their bags for break time. This is a great way to keep their energy levels up throughout the morning.

### Homework:

Homework expectations will gradually build during the year and information regarding specific pieces will be sent out accordingly. For now, please see the information below:

Reading: The expectation is that children will read for 10-15 minutes every day. This might be by themselves or with an adult. Children have been given new Reading Records that they themselves, or whoever they are reading with, should fill in each time they read or are read with at home. I will be collecting in the Reading



Records every 2-3 weeks to see what children have been reading and to cast my eye over any comments that have been made.

Times Tables Rockstars: Becoming fluent in times tables facts will become a big part of our Maths learning in Year 4. Times Tables Rockstars is an online game that allows children to practise their times tables in an enjoyable and interactive way. It can simply be used as a great way to practise a key mathematical skill. It is my understanding that children have an existing log-in from using the site in Year 3. They should continue to use this log-in and I will ensure they have a record of it with them. Children should spend 15 minutes on Times Tables Rockstars each week; this could be spread over several days if they would like.

NumbBots: Children also have access to the NumBots website, an online game that supports many mathematical skills like number fluency, addition and subtraction facts. Children should use their existing log-in from Year 3 to access the site. Again, children should spend 15 minutes on Numbots each week, either on one day or spread over several days if they would prefer.

Spelling: More information about spellings, the way in which it is taught and should be practised, will follow shortly.

If you have any questions about your child's learning at any time, please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can contact me via an email to the school office. [office.2567@st-johns.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2567@st-johns.oxon.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely,

Miss Thickpenny