5th September 2023

Dear Parents,

I hope that this letter will give you a brief overview of what your child will be studying. There are also Knowledge Organisers and long term planning on our school website.

Our topics for this school year;

* Bodies, Burps and Bile.
* Anglo Saxons.
* Scots.
* Eco-Warriors.
* Into the Forest

**School uniform**

Trousers Grey/charcoal/black (not denim or cord)

Pinafores/skirts Grey

Polo shirt White

Sweatshirt or cardigan Red with school logo

Tights Grey/black/red

Socks Boys: black/grey; Girls: white/grey

Summer dress Red and White

Short trousers Grey

Shoes/sandals Sensible black shoes (not trainers or boots)

The use of children smart watches has slowly increased over the past few years and unfortunately some of these watches have cameras built into them, as a school this is a **safeguarding risk** as some of our pupils cannot have their photo taken please leave any devices that have cameras at **home**.

**P.E**

PE will continue to be delivered by our external agency on Friday mornings.

Please can children come in with:

• White T-shirt – plain (or with school logo)

• Red or black shorts - plain

• Daps or Trainers – please check fitting periodically

• Red school jumper with logo (for colder days)

During the winter months, if children are taking part in PE outdoors they can wear tracksuit bottoms instead of shorts.

**Homework**

In terms of home learning, your child will continue to be set homework but in a variety of formats. I will be setting reading tasks on Purple Mash (which will be monitored and marked) each half term for them to complete. These will help them to develop their skills further. In addition to this, the children will be given a homework grid every term focusing on our topic.

**Reading**

The children will be sent home with a bookmark with questions from our Totally Pawsome reading comprehension gang. These questions are for you to choose and then ask your child after they have read to develop their comprehension skills.

**Spellings**

The children will still have spellings each week. It is **imperative** for their learning to look up the definition of each spelling and learn the spelling pattern. The children will be tested on these every **Friday** and will then be given new spellings to learn for the next week.

**Times Tables**

This year we are really focusing on our times tables. Your child knowing their tables will help them in our math lessons an incredible amount. As a school we all take part in Math Olympics on a weekly basis. Year 4’s will have the government time table assessment at the end of the year. Practice as much as possible!

Please could the children bring in a piece of **fruit or vegetable** for their **healthy snack** at break time and with the wet weather drawing near please bring in a waterproof coat.

Feel free to contact me if you have any concerns either at the school gate or on ClassDojo. Please take into consideration that I may not see a message on ClassDojo till the next day dependant on the time it was sent to me.

Yours sincerely,

Charlie Mallender

Class Teacher.

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