

# Welcome to Year 4!

Welcome back to Avenue Junior School and a warm welcome to some of our new starters. After a long and restful summer, it's been a somewhat eventful return to school.

Despite a whole host of class swaps and changes to communal spaces, the children have made an excellent start to the school year, showing a great attitude to learning and being really respectful to others. They've also been incredibly quick to adapt to the new routines and expectations of Year 4.

This short newsletter is to help bring you up to speed with some of the things going on at school at the start of the new year.

Please do also keep an eye on Class Dojo, as this is our primary means of communication.

## Meet the Year 4 Team

We have a fantastic team in Year 4!

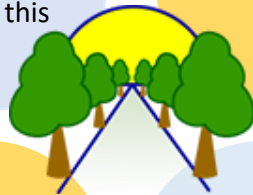
Mr Thornton (Year Lead) – 4T

Mrs Margetson & Mr Reynolds – 4MR

Mr Rose-Brown & Mr Reynolds – 4RBR

Mr Genders & Mr Reynolds – 4GR

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions, queries or concerns. They are all available to reach via Class Dojo. Alternatively, you can have a quick chat with them on the playground after school.



## PE Days

4T – Tuesday and Friday

4MR – Tuesday and Thursday

4RBR – Tuesday and Thursday

4GR – Wednesday and Thursday

Children are expected to wear a plain white, blue or black top (no football shirts) and black bottoms (shorts, leggings, jogging bottoms) for PE. Trainers are the best form of footwear as they provide children with good stability and support. Like last year, children should come to school on PE days dressed in their PE kits. On cooler days, children can of course wear a jumper or hoodie (plain blue, black or grey). A school jumper is ok!

## Water Bottles and Snacks

Please ensure that all children have a named water bottle in school. Most children will also bring in a healthy snack (no crisps – these can be eaten at lunchtimes) for their morning break. All snacks must be nut and kiwi free.

## Reading at Home

Whilst we do not set any formal homework at Avenue Junior School, we do ask that you spend 10-20 minutes each day reading with your child. The benefits of this are wide-ranging, impacting on not only reading ability (fluency and comprehension), but also spelling, sentence construction and generation of ideas.

## Times Tables

We will be having a significant push on learning times tables this year. Children will be reissued with their Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS) usernames and passwords and we encourage children to practice these regularly. Each week we will be awarding a class a special TTRS award. This may be based on the number of children in each class using TTRS, improvements in recall speed/accuracy or time spent playing TTRS. You can access TTRS using a full range of digital technology. If this may be a barrier to your child using TTRS, your child's teacher will be able to supply some paper copies of the activities.

## Curriculum Map

A curriculum map will be sent out to all families (via Class Dojo, email and the school website). This will give you a brief overview of our learning for the half term.