



Highwood Primary School

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Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential

Cathy Cox – Head Teacher

10th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 4,

A very happy new school year to you all. We hope you all enjoyed the summer holidays and are ready for the start of our new school term.

The Year 4 team this year is made up of:

Hawthorn 4:

Mr Marshall – Class Teacher

Hazel 4:

Mrs Mazhar – Class teacher, Phase Leader

Support staff:

Mrs Warren – Teaching assistant (HLTA)

Mrs Jenn – Teaching assistant

Curriculum Information and Trips

In the first two weeks of Year 4, we are going to be basing all our learning around the book 'Once Upon an Alphabet' by the author Oliver Jeffers. This will include cross curricular learning such as discussing characters' actions through PSHE, problem solving in maths, creating our own stories in writing and making masks in DT. Following these two fabulous weeks of fun, our topic this term is going to be history based. We are looking at the Ancient Egyptians and tying in lots of other aspects of the curriculum such as art, literacy, science and ICT which we know will be exciting. We'll even be making our own Canopic Jars! We are hoping to visit the British Museum to extend the children's learning even further and give them a chance to see real life artefacts. In science, we are going to be learning about our digestive systems, different types of teeth and their roles. Children will learn about the importance of a healthy lifestyle in order to keep their bodies running properly.

Swimming and P.E.

The children are all very excited that we are starting swimming this year. Hazel will be attending swimming lessons during the Autumn term and Hawthorn will be attending swimming lessons in the Spring term. Children will go swimming on a **Friday afternoon**. Each class will be split into smaller groups, so whether your child is a non-swimmer or a strong swimmer, they will have activities and learning to suit – whether to build confidence in the water, or try out for the next Olympic squad. Please can you make sure that the children all have the correct kit for swimming: this includes a towel, a swimming costume **and** a swimming cap. Children will continue with normal PE lessons every Tuesday and Thursday in school so please bear in mind that your child also needs shorts for indoor PE and tracksuit bottoms for outdoor PE.



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PPA Cover

All of Year 4 will develop their amazing skills in French as well as taking part in exciting ICT lessons on a Monday afternoon during our PPA time. French will be covered as usual by Madame Watson assisted by Mrs Warren and ICT will be covered by Mr Johnson.

Home Learning

As always, the Home Learning Grid provides the children with a choice of activities across most of their subjects. This will be handed out on a Thursday and expected back on a Tuesday to allow time for us to appreciate it. Please ensure that they choose one activity each week to complete. Children will also receive spellings weekly which they should practise ready for a spelling dictation the following week.

Sharing assemblies

You are warmly invited to the Year 3 and 4 Harvest Assembly on **Friday 12th October**, Hawthorn 4 Sharing Assembly on **Friday 16th November 2018** and Hazel 4 Sharing Assembly is on **Friday 25th January 2019**.

Healthy Snacks

A quick reminder that all break time snacks need to be a healthy option such as fresh fruit or vegetables.

As always, we have an 'open door' policy and if you wish to discuss anything, we are happy to arrange a convenient time to do so. We can be contacted via email using the following address:

admin@highwood.herts.sch.uk

Wishing you all the very best for this term.

The Year 4 team

Miss Nosheen Mazhar * Mr Jamie Marshall * Mrs Libby Warren * Mrs Teresa Jenn



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