



Highwood Primary School

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Della Allen - Head Teacher

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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. Our wonderful Year 4 team this year is made up of:

Mr Jamie Marshall
Hawthorn 4 Teacher



Mr Liam Willimott
Hawthorn 4 Teacher



Miss Nosheen Mazhar
Hazel 4 Teacher/LKS2 Phase Leader



Miss Eileen Traynor
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Libby Warren
HLTA



Mrs Nicole Marshall
Teaching Assistant



Curriculum Information and Trips

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 hope will be lots of fun. We'll even be making our own canopic jars! On Wednesday 22nd November 2017, we are going to visit the British Museum to extend the children's learning even further and give them a chance to see real life artefacts. A letter of information will be sent out to you closer to the time. In addition to this, we will be hosting a 'France Day' during Spring term, a residential trip to Phasels Wood early in the Summer term and finally we aim to hold an Anglo-Saxon day which will be run by an external provider.

In science, we are going to be learning about our digestive system and different types of teeth and their roles. Children will learn about the importance of a healthy lifestyle in order to keep our bodies running properly. In our RE learning, during the Spring term, we are hoping to arrange a visit to the local Gurdwara to learn more about Sikhism.





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Swimming and P.E.

The children are all very excited that we are starting swimming this year. Hawthorn and Hazel will be taking it in turns this term, swapping at the half term break. Hazel 4 children will go swimming for the first half 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 make sure that your children have the correct kit for swimming: this includes towel, swimming costume **and** 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.

PPA Cover

All of Year 4 will develop their amazing skills in French as well as taking part in indoor PE lessons on a Thursday afternoon during our PPA time. French will be covered as usual by our specialist French teacher Madame Watson and PE will be covered by Mrs Warren.

Home Learning

As always, the home learning grid provides the children with a choice of activities across most of their subjects. 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 13th October, Hazel 4 Sharing Assembly on Friday 20th October and Hawthorn 4 Sharing Assembly on Friday 17th November.

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 * Mr Willimott * Miss Eileen Traynor

