Parent Information Booklet 2017-18

Blue Class
Year 4

Class Teacher: Miss Shields
Teaching Assistant: Mrs Jelbart

WELCOME TO BLUE CLASS

The purpose of this booklet is to provide you with some general information for your child's forthcoming year in our class. The children have settled well and we hope they enjoy their time in year 4 with us.

Homework

Our home learning tasks will consist of:

- **Daily reading**
- **My Maths (online task)**
- **TT Rockstars (Times Tables)**
- **Spellings**
- **Homework Grid (linked to class project)**

Daily Reading: Reading books and planners should be brought into school every day. Reading completed at home should be recorded in their planner. In key stage 2 children will earn rewards for their efforts through our 'millionaire's club'. Once the children complete a book, they will complete an online quiz at school during the 'Accelerated Reading' session.

My Maths: This is our online mental maths activity and will be set weekly. The children already know how to access and complete this homework using their individual password (recorded in their planner).

Spellings: Your child will receive a weekly spelling list focussing on specific word patterns and spelling skills. Your child will need to spend time learning these words over the week ready for their **spelling test** on **Friday morning**. To help them try using the 'Look...say...cover...write...check' method.

Times tables: Your child will also have a **'times table(s)'** to practise over the week. A separate letter will be sent home to inform you of which times table(s) to focus on each week. Please encourage them to learn them in a random order and also learn the inverse division fact. The 'times table(s)' will be tested on a **Friday morning**.

Homework grid: This includes a range of tasks related to the class project. Tasks can be completed in any order, depending on the time available at home, and completed pieces of work need to be brought into school. The items will frequently be used for display and the children praised for their endeavour!

Thank you for your support with these weekly tasks, they are not always an easy thing to do with a busy family life but any help and interest you can give will have a very positive effect on your child's progress, confidence and understanding.

Important days of the week:

Thursday: PE
Friday: Spellings, times tables test and library

Dates for the Diary

Parent Consultations (Autumn): 17th/18th October 2017
Autumn half term: 23rd—27th October 2017
Christmas Holiday: 20th December 2017 – 3rd January 2018
Spring half term: 12th—16th February 2018
Annual Reports sent home: 23rd March 2018
Easter Holiday: 29th March— 13th April 2018
Summer Half term: 28th May—1st June 2018
Home study day (Parent Consultations): 6th July 2018
Last day of summer term: 20th July 2018

Looking ahead...

The year 4 residential trip to Porthpean will take place in May 2018 and will be finalised shortly. Further details will follow.

Polite Reminders

The preferred method for payments is Parentmail—please see the office to sign up to this service. If the children do bring money into school please ensure that it is bought in a **named purse / wallet or envelope**.
Please ensure that **all clothes/uniform is labelled** and don't forget to inform the school of any changes in circumstance such as medical needs/change of contact number etc. as soon as possible

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate in contacting me. If you need to have a quick word, then please catch me in the playground at the end of the school day or if you need a longer conversation, please see the school office for an appointment.

Thank you for your support and taking time to read through this booklet. If you have any questions, please ask.

Our Curriculum

The children will receive daily reading, writing & maths lessons but the other subjects will be taught through our termly class projects as part of the immersive learning approach.

We start with the interests of the children and then design learning opportunities that are relevant and engaging and have real world outcomes. Each term, we follow a basic theme:
Autumn Term – "Past", **Spring Term** – "Present" , **Summer Term** – "Passion" i.e. something the children are very passionate about.

For their weekly languages (MFL) lessons, from Year 1 upwards, the children will be learning Spanish with Miss Thomas-Kamali.

PE:

Please could you ensure that your child has the necessary PE kit and that all clothes are labelled.

PE Kit consists of:

- Coloured T shirt (Team colour)
- Black shorts
- Plimsolls/trainers

Art:

It would be helpful if you could provide an old shirt/top for your child to wear for painting tasks.

Reading:

We now use the 'Accelerated Reader' system and the children participate in daily sessions. Books are allocated based on regular assessments (*the results of which will be communicated through the planners*). Books are changed during this session once the children have completed an online book quiz. At home, the children are expected to read each day, preferably sharing a book with an adult and this should be recorded in their planner.