



# ST. STEPHEN'S JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent

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## WELCOME TO YEAR 4

The year 4 teaching staff are:

Mr Bowles -Pine Class  
Mrs Edwards -Palm Class  
Mr Chamberlain -Plum Class  
Miss Cullen -Pear Class

## YEAR 4 SUPPORT STAFF

Mrs Fewins  
Mrs Dixon  
Miss Kiernan  
Mrs Gallagher

Our topics for the term are the Vikings and The Human Body. We will be learning all about the Vikings and how they influenced our local area. Our topic will culminate in a trip to Canterbury Cathedral to learn about how the Vikings influenced Canterbury and also a Viking day for parents to come in and see what we have been up to! More information about our topic is available on the school website.

## EQUIPMENT

PE kits should be left in school as PE takes place regularly during the week. No jewellery should be worn, so if your child wears earrings please show them how to remove them. It is also asked that long hair is tied back for PE. We encourage all children to wear house t-shirts which can be purchased at the school office, together with black shorts. Dark track suit bottoms and socks are generally worn for games lessons during the winter months.

We do not encourage toys or cards to come into school as these only get lost, broken or cause disputes.

Your child should bring in the following equipment: pencil, rubber, sharpener, 30cm ruler, and a handwriting pen (not a biro). These pens are available to buy from the School Office for 50p. It is also important that water bottles are brought in daily.

PLEASE LABEL ALL EQUIPMENT CLEARLY.

## HOMEWORK

Homework will be set differently this year. Spellings, tables and reading will remain the same as last year which is set out below. Maths and Literacy homework will not be formally set but there will now be a creative, half termly homework set which will be chosen by your child and completed during the term. We will write separately to you regarding this in the near future.

Planners:

Your child needs to read at least 3 times a week for 15 minutes daily and record their reading in their planner. Please could you sign your child's planner at least once a week and make sure that it is brought into school **every day**. We have a real focus on reading in school this year and appreciate your ongoing support in this.



Spellings and tables:

Spellings will be given out on Friday and tested the following Friday. Children in the Read Write Inc. groups will have their spellings tested on a Monday. There will also be a termly spelling test based on the statutory word list for your child's year group. Tables will be tested weekly within your child's maths set. There will also be a Grand Master of Multiplication Challenge across the school. Children will be assessed for this each half term.

## **REWARDS**

We will continue to use house points to motivate the children and these incentives will be given to children who are demonstrating the school values in positive ways. There will be a 'Star of the Week' certificate awarded in our year group assembly for children who have particularly stood out to the teachers that week.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and cooperation and say that we are all looking forward to a fun and productive year.

If you have any questions, please do approach your child's class teacher or myself. However, if the matter requires a longer discussion, it may be better to make an appointment.

Yours faithfully,  
**Mr M Bowles**  
**Head of Year 4**