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St. Anne's C.E. Primary School



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It's lovely to have everyone back in school and the children are enjoying being back in the classroom. Just a few housekeeping notes to ensure a smooth start to the year!

New routines

The children in year 4 will keep within their own bubble and will have a staggered start and finish time (9:15- 3:30pm) entering/leaving through the outside classroom door. They will be allocated a time/place for morning play time and dinner time and will not mix with other classes. Pencil cases and equipment will be provided. Please send a water bottle each day which will be cleaned on arrival and returned home at the end of each day but can we ask that nothing else is brought into school. Children will wash hands frequently, use hand sanitizer and be encouraged to keep socially distanced where possible.

Curriculum

At the start of term we will assess the children to see how they are doing in English and Maths. We will revisit and consolidate the Year 3 key objectives in lessons and introduce the new learning for Year 4. Catch up interventions will be time-tabled to help children with any gaps in learning.

PE- We do PE each week and it is led by Mr Bland on a **Tuesday** afternoon. **Children should come to school on Tuesdays in PE kit.** Fitness related activities and non-contact sports will take place in Autumn term.

Swimming- Children usually undertake swimming lessons in Year 4 and these take place on Fridays. When it is safe to resume, you will receive information about this nearer the time.

Kevin the minion is our class mascot. Previously, Kevin has gone home each weekend with someone for a visit. This is an opportunity for your child to share the things they enjoy doing at the weekend with the rest of the class and we enjoy reading what your child writes

in Kevin's diary about the things they have done together. Sadly, it isn't possible for Kevin to visit but hopefully it will be safe to resume sending Kevin home in the future.

Homework

Reading- An opportunity for reading happens every day in school and your child will choose a book from the appropriate level which will remain in school. A reading book will be sent home each Monday. Please encourage your child to read to you and ask questions to confirm their understanding. Please sign the reading record or place a comment with regards to their reading then return the book to school each Thursday if it needs to be changed. A selection of free books available online at age appropriate levels should you wish to access them.

English/Maths- One piece of either English or Maths to be completed in the homework books. This will be handed out each Thursday and should be completed and returned by the following Monday please. If you have a busy weekend, please return by Tuesday!

Homework Grid- Each half term a new homework grid will be produced with a selection of tasks across the curriculum linked to current topics/themes. Your child may choose a task to complete when English homework is given out. Please feel free to add drawings/photos for tasks which would prove tricky to stick into books!

Times table practice will form part of our weekly routine. Please support your child in learning these at home. Thank you.

Children in year 4 learn all times tables up to 12×12 , in and out of order, in the format $1 \times 6 = 6$, $2 \times 6 = 12$ etc

Spellings will be set out and the children will have a spelling test on Mondays (commencing 14th September). Spelling activities will take place in school to support their learning but any help you can give will be appreciated.

Feel free to speak to me before school, if you have any concerns or wish to share any information about your child. Alternatively, you can contact me by phone or email me at:
l.johnson202@durhamlearning.net.

Many thanks for your support.

Mrs Johnson and Mrs Harrison

