

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Class 4! It is a pleasure to have your child in my class. I am very excited to be leading Class 4 this academic year and I wish to share a little about myself with you.

I have been teaching for over 20 years and I have taught every class from Year One to Year Six! I prefer teaching in UKS2, and this will be the fourth school I will have taught Year 6, and the second time I've taught Year 5. I have worked in a range of schools, across a variety of settings, and have been Assistant Head in my previous two schools. I love teaching all subjects across the curriculum, and I always explain the relevance of each lesson to the children. I especially enjoy teaching the foundation subjects, as I believe it allows the children to express their creativity and individuality. The UKS2 team will work closely together to get to know your child as an individual and work on their unique potential. I understand the importance of children, staff and parents working closely together, and how vital effective lines of communication can be. We are here to listen and appreciate the support our parents give to our school.

We are excited, once again, to have in our team Ms Harman (Teaching Assistant) and Madame Buckley (French specialist) for the year. Your child will benefit from the expertise of a specialist practitioner in UKS2 and prepare them for the varied teachers in secondary school.

#### Important facts;

- **Wellbeing**- mental health and well-being will be prioritised. All children will be supported to talk about their emotions and use our emotion chart to support discussion. Worry boxes are set up in all classrooms
- **PE- Monday** afternoon. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE uniform in a small PE bag and that each item is clearly labelled with their name to avoid any items getting mislaid.
- **Homework**- All Year 5 and 6 children will be expected to read **four times a week** (Mon- Fri), access TTRS at least **3 times a week (5 min game)** and learn spellings given out on a Mon. All TTRS and Spelling Shed passwords can be found in your child's reading diary. Spellings will be given out on a **Monday** and assessed on a **Friday**. The spelling sheet is **NOT** to be returned to school but alongside spelling shed allows plenty of support for practise.
- **Reading**- all pupils will be expected to read and record their reading **4** times a week in their reading journals.
- **Class dojos**- We will be using Class Dojo regularly so if you have any trouble joining this free app, please alert the office and we will support as much as possible.
- **Mobile phones**- please only allow your child to bring a mobile phone in if absolutely necessary and a form has been provided for you to sign. The phone must be turned off during the day and school will store in a designated phone box.
- **Walking home**- Some **Year 6 children** may start walking home, in preparation for secondary school. A form has been sent home from the office and please do let us know if you wish your child to walk home. We will require written permission to ensure safety.

We are offering a '**Meet the Teacher**' session on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, straight after school**. If you can attend, please go to the hall for a short presentation from Mrs Mowbray and then join us in the classroom. Do not worry if you cannot attend, we will ensure all information is sent home with your child. We are looking forward to working with you and your child. Together we can make a difference!

Mr Sharma

