

St Francis of Assisi
Voluntary Aided Church of England Primary School
September 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and welcome to Year Four! We are all looking forward to getting to know the children and you over the next year and hope that together we can make this year a positive and fun experience.

As a School, we have always had an open door policy for Parents and Carers. We do appreciate that many parents are not able to drop children off or pick the children up, so we have a range of ways to get in touch:

- Phone call to school (01642 769442) - we can always ring you back if needed
- A note in Homework Diaries or letter if you prefer
- E mail— frjwilliams@sbcschools.org.uk
- frlmuirhead@sbcschools.org.uk

Please feel free to contact us or speak to one of the team if you do have any concerns or worries and we will do our best to help. It is easier for us to sort things out quickly if we know or can help in any way.

Curriculum

We have an exciting term ahead of us and we thought you might like to know the topics your child will be studying. During the next few weeks we will be concentrating on:

**Topic—Ancient Egyptians
Science – Electricity**



If you have any resources or books that you would be willing to share, please send them into school. (Please make sure they have a name on so that they can be returned safely). It would also be lovely if anyone has any experience they could share, in line with these topics. Please just have a chat with one of the team and let us know.

Reading.

Thank you for your support with reading. Having such great support from home does make a vast difference to the children and what they are able to achieve.

We expect every child to read every day where possible (we do understand about the logistics of family life).

Please ask your child about what they are reading and help by explaining aspects of a story or text. The targets for the term can be found in the reading ladders which will come home in homework books over the year.

We would also appreciate it if you could write a comment in their reading record books about your child's reading. It is a great encouragement to them and helps us too!



Save the date

We will be having a proud session for Year 4 children. It is an opportunity for them to share some of the work and activities that they have enjoyed so far this term. It will take place on Wednesday 3rd October straight from school until 4.30 p.m.

We hope you will be able to join us.

We will be organising a trip or visitor after half term. Further details will follow shortly.

Swimming

Year 4 will be starting their swimming sessions at Thornaby Swimming Pool this term. Children attend the baths every day for a two week block.

The sessions each day will be after lunch.

The sessions this term are the weeks beginning:

Monday 1st and 8th October—1-2.15 p.m. (Mrs Williams' class)

Monday 15th and 22nd October—10.30-11.45 a.m. (Miss Muirhead's class)

It is a 2 week block of swimming sessions each day. Children will require:

- a swim suit or trunks (no bikinis or swimming shorts please),
- goggles if usually used and can be worn independently
- a towel
- a snack for their return to school.

No jewellery can be worn so please ensure that all children can remove or are not wearing any earrings or fit bits for the sessions. The second Thursday of each block of sessions children need an old pair of pyjamas. If you have any concerns or worries about swimming, please come and speak to me.

Mrs Williams



Homework

Homework is an essential and valuable part of school life. Children will be given homework on a Friday to be returned the following Wednesday.



We try to vary homework and they may have a piece of English, Maths, or Topic or even a practical or craft related task to support their learning.

We would encourage children to be independent in these tasks. The work will be on aspects of the curriculum covered or to feed into work the following week. If your child has problems with the homework or is unable to complete it, for whatever reason, just let one of the team know and we will do all we can to help.

P.E

Our PE session this term is on a Friday.

Children have both indoor and outdoor PE sessions across the week. As you can appreciate, we endeavour, where possible to have sessions when the weather is dry. However, it is important that children are prepared for cold and damp weather.

Therefore, children need an outdoor PE kit in school at all times.

Please ensure that they have plenty of layers, long trousers and shoes suitable for outdoor sessions.

Please also ensure that all items are named as it is very difficult to return items which are not. P.E. kits should include navy shorts and tracksuit bottoms/ leggings, a plain white t-shirt and a navy tracksuit top.