



Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back. I hope you all had a wonderful summer and you are feeling well rested and excited about the year ahead in Base 4.

### Our Learning Journey

Our class text for this term will be **Brightstorm by Vashti Hardy**. As part of our whole school topic – **Explorers** – this book follows twins Arthur and Maudie Brightstorm and their journey aboard the Aurora across the continents of The Great Wide towards South Polaris.

This is a fun and fast-paced adventure book, which I absolutely loved reading and cannot wait to share with the children. If you would like to get hold of a copy to read at home, or for your child to read alongside me in class, it's published by Scholastic, ISBN: 140718170X.

We will be drawing on some of the themes from Brightstorm for our learning journey this term, which you can find out more about on the learning journey overview attached.

### Homework

**Children are expected to read for at least 15 minutes every evening.** This is crucial as it plays a huge role in improving children's reading and writing. Please log your child's reading at home in their reading log, which will be checked once a week in school.

You will already be familiar with Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS), which will be used in school and at home to practice times tables. **Children will be expected to practice their tables at home through any of the TTRS games for at least 5 minutes per day.** By the end of year 4, all children will sit a new national test on times tables facts to 12 x 12, so times tables practice is essential.

**Spellings will be set on Thursday for test on the following Thursday.** This will include a weekly list of spellings on a specific spelling rule and a further list of 10 words from the y3/4 lists, which will change every 3 to 4 weeks. Please practice spelling at home regularly.

A further homework task will usually be set on Friday to be returned the following Wednesday. Details will be in children's homework books. These will usually be recapping an aspect of the week's learning or preparation for the week ahead.

### PE and Swimming kit

Base 4 will be swimming on Wednesday afternoons, starting from Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September. Please ensure your child has a swimming costume, goggles if they have them and a towel in school each Wednesday.

### The school day

**Children should arrive each day with their reading book and reading record, homework, a healthy snack and a coat for the changeable weather.** Uniform, lunch boxes, water bottles etc. **must** be labelled.

## Autumn Term 2019

### Base 4



School gates open at 8.45am and all children are to be in school by 8.55am when the gates close. The children are given morning tasks from 8.45am to prepare for the day and start their learning, so arriving earlier gives children a good head-start.

Base 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.45-8.55	Morning Task	Morning Task	Morning Task	Morning Task	Morning Task
9.00-10.20	English	English	English	English	English (with Mrs. Cador)
Break					
10.40-12.00	Maths	Maths	Maths	Whole School Choir	French 10.40-11.10 English (with Mrs. Cador)
				Maths	
Lunch					
1.00-1.30	Whole School Assembly	News Assembly	Swimming	RE	Learning Journey
1.30-2.30	Learning Journey	Learning Journey		PE	
2.30-3.15					
3.10-3.30	Class Story	Class Story		Class Story	

Note: Learning journey includes all other subjects (history, geography, computing etc.)

A hot dinner costs £2.40 per day. Any monies or messages should be dealt with through me, not to the office where possible.

#### Dates for diary

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September:

- Bikeability 3.30-5pm
- Parents' meeting for all KS2 parents 6pm – **How to support your child in KS2** – childcare/crèche can be made available

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September:

- Bikeability 3.30-5pm

Parent partnership is vital to your child's education and happiness and I look forward to meeting with you over the coming weeks. I will be on the gate every morning so if you have any messages, worries or concerns, don't hesitate to speak to me or if we need a longer conversation, I'm happy to speak over the phone or arrange a meeting after school.

Many thanks,

Mr. Lindop.