

ST CHAD'S PATCHWAY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Re: Year 4 welcome back

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to a new year at school! We are very excited about welcoming back the children and looking forward to the year ahead. We would like to take this opportunity to let you know about the teaching and learning that will take place, as well as some of the routines for Year 4.

Curriculum

As usual, this term will be a busy one. Each term, your child will be immersed in a topic which will be integrated and linked across the curriculum. The first topic for autumn is **What are Rainforests and where can we find them?** We would be very grateful if you could support your child's learning by encouraging them to do a small amount of research on our topic. Please continue to share any additional learning relating to the topic via dojo.

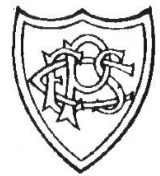
P.E Kit and School Uniform

For the first term, **PE will be on a Tuesday and Thursday**, switching to Mondays in Term 2, as the children will be receiving lessons from future stars coaches. Children will be expected to wear school uniform at all times apart from PE days when they will need to come to school in their PE kit. Your child will need a T-shirt, shorts, socks, trainers, and a tracksuit for colder weather. We will be using the field for games, so please bear in mind that the children may get muddy. A light, waterproof coat might also be handy. Year 4 will again have the opportunity to go swimming and we will send further details in due course.

For safety reasons, during PE lessons children with pierced ears must either be able to take earrings out themselves, or not wear earrings to school on PE days. Please ensure that children are able to remove their own earrings as staff are not allowed to do this. If ears are newly pierced and earrings are unable to be removed, micro-pore tape must be brought in for your child to use.

Please remember that it is school policy for children to wear the recommended school uniform <https://www.stchadsprimaryschool.co.uk/uniform/>. In addition, children are allowed to wear a watch (no Smart watches capable of taking photos or videos for safeguarding reasons





please) and one pair of stud earrings, which are both to be removed during PE sessions. Please note that nail varnish and jewellery other than earrings are discouraged.

Homework

As in previous years, children will be given weekly homework to be completed in their homework books. This will include spelling, timetables, maths or English and regular reading. It is advised that children attempt to complete their homework as soon as possible so they have the opportunity to ask for help before they need to hand in back in. Children will also have regular spelling tests and times tables tests. They will be provided with everything they need for lessons and so there is no need for them to bring pencil cases to school.

As reading is a vital part of the educational experience, I suggest that your child reads at home at least four times a week. This can be both individually and reading aloud to an adult; I ask that parents sign their child's reading record when they have read at home.

Multiplication Times Table Check

Children in Year 4 have a statutory multiplication times table check (MTC) in the summer term. We will be practising for this in school, but to ensure children are successful times tables also needs to be practised at home so the children have rapid recall. We will give further details and ways to support your children with additional information later in this term.

I.C.A

Please remember that each class has an "**I Can Achieve**" (ICA) folder. Please remind your child to let us know if they achieve anything outside of school so that a note can be made on their page in the folder. This could be as part of a club or in swimming lessons for example.

We are available via the **Class Dojo** system so please feel free to drop us a note, alternatively, please contact the office to arrange a mutually convenient meeting if you have any questions or concerns – don't feel you have to wait for a parent's evening.

We hope to see you all at the **next parents' evening (19th and 20th October)**

Best wishes,

Mrs Harvey and Mrs Dobson

