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Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge welcome to you and your children for our Autumn Term in Class 4. I hope that you and your families are well and have had a wonderful summer break. I am so happy to let you know that they have returned to school excited for their learning. We are very lucky to have Ms Garrod as our TA this year! On Monday mornings, when I have my PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) time the children are fortunate to have Mrs Cooper teaching them Music and Computing.

### **English**

In English this year, we are trialling a new writing scheme called Literacy Tree support by the EEF. This means we are lucky enough to have plenty of new books to study and enjoy as a class. I'm looking forward to seeing their progress this year.

### **PE**

Year 4 swimming lessons will take place on Wednesday mornings, please make sure that your child remembers their swimming kit. Our additional PE lesson for this term will take place on Thursday afternoons, where the children will be participating in netball sessions.

Please ensure that your child's NAMED P.E kit is in school at all times so that he/she can fully participate. This includes shorts, t shirt, trainers and tracksuit. For safety reasons, earrings and watches must be removed on PE days. Long hair must also be tied back at all times. Also, please remind your children to bring a water bottle each day. Thank you.

### **Reading and Homework**

Please can the children bring their reading books and diary to school each day however, reading diaries will be checked on Tuesdays. In accordance with our Blackmore Home School Agreement, it is expected that all children read at least 3 times per week, with an adult, and that this is recorded in the reading record. You may also note down a discussion about the text which includes checking their reading comprehension skills. I will remind the children that reading at home earns house points for their team!

Homework for Maths and English will be set on a Friday and must be handed in the following Wednesday. This will be completed in their homework books and/or on EdShed. Your child should also be practicing their spelling patterns and revising their times tables through spelling shed and TT rock stars. Weekly spellings will be set to learn as homework and link directly with the expectations detailed in the curriculum for Year 3/4.

## **Other information**

Our Geography topic this term will be 'The Rainforest' answering the question 'Why are rainforests so important to us?' Our history focus will be Stone Age to Iron Age. In PSHE, the unit for the first half of the autumn term is "Being Me in my World". After half term, the unit will be "Celebrating differences". In the first couple of weeks, we will be recapping on the school's core values, behaviour policy and our own class rules.

I hope this gives you a general outline of what year 4 will look like. If you have any questions or concerns please do catch me at the end of the day, on the playground, or via the [parents@blackmore.essex.sch.uk](mailto:parents@blackmore.essex.sch.uk) email address.

Thank you for your support,

Miss B. Owen

Class 4 teacher