

Friday 6th September 2024

Year 4- Autumn 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely summer break and managed to spend some quality time with your families. We have had a brilliant first few days in Year 4, and are very much looking forward to all the exciting things we have planned throughout the year.

This letter provides some key information about your child's first term in Year 4. As always, we know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education, and we are always grateful for all your support at home.

P.E Days:

<u>4R</u> Wednesday Thursday	<u>4B</u> Thursday Friday	<u>4I</u> Thursday Friday	<u>4S</u> Thursday Friday
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Upcoming key dates for the diary:

9/9	Individual School Photos
10/9	Lower School Meet the Teacher – 15:20
11/9	Swimming starts for 4R and 4B (6 weeks)
18/9	4S and 4I to London Zoo
19/9	4R and 4B to London Zoo
30/10	Swimming starts for 4S and 4I (6 weeks)



Reminders:

- Please ensure that all school uniform, P.E kits, packed lunches and water bottles are labelled.
- Please ensure your child's school uniform is compliant with Elmwood's School Uniform Policy (black school shoes or full black trainers, a dark blue jumper and no jewellery).
- Children are to bring in a water bottle.
- If you child brings a pack lunch, please ensure that it is healthy.
- Children should not bring any treats in on their birthdays please.

Homework

Spelling and Maths homework will start from Friday 13th September 2024.

Please start the reading homework from now.

Daily	Friday	Friday
<p>Reading for 15 minutes. If your child finishes their colour band book, they can also read the book borrowed from the school library, an e-book on SORA or any book that they have at home.</p>  <p>Your child must read and have their home school diary signed by an adult every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If a signature is missing, children will be asked to read during playtime on Friday.</p>	<p>Spellings will be set on a Friday and tested the following Friday</p>  <p>Please spend a few minutes each day going over them with your child.</p>	<p>My Maths tasks will be set on a Friday for completion by the following Friday morning.</p> 

This year, the school will have a renewed focus on the children reading (and parents signing their home school diary) every night. Having clear communication between us through the diary will help to develop the habit of reading and hopefully lead to a life-long love of it. We understand how busy your lives can be so we thank you for your support in this.



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English:

We will be looking at a poem and 2 core texts in our English and Reading Lessons this half term. These will provide a stimulus for our writing.

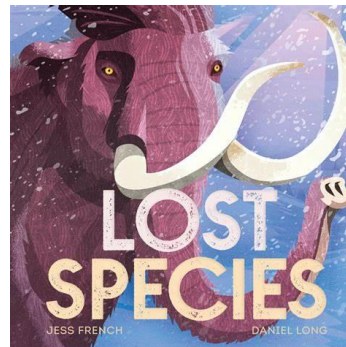
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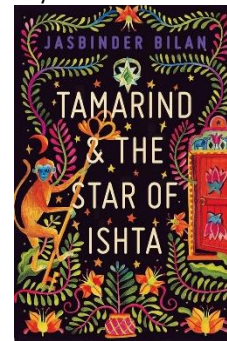
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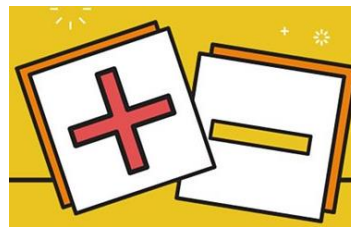
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Maths:










In Maths, we will be starting the year by understanding the place value of numbers up to and beyond 1000. We will then move on to looking at the mental and written fluency of addition and subtraction. We will also have a weekly focus on times tables. By the end of year 4, children are expected to be fluent with times tables up to 12 x 12.

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Theme:

Our theme for this half term will be **Freedom and Protection**. The entry point will be our school trip to London Zoo which will allow the children to begin to consider how animals are kept safe, their protection status, as well as potential threats on particular species. The children will use all the knowledge they gain over the unit to create a podcast about how to protect the habitat of a particular endangered animal.

<p>Half -Term Theme Freedom and Protection</p> 	<p>Art Georgia O'Keefe</p> 	<p>Spanish Welcome to our School</p> 
<p>Music Ukuleles/Recorders</p> 	<p>Science Living Things and their Habitats</p> 	<p>Computing Audio Recording</p> 
<p>Geography Mapping and Field Work</p> 	<p>PSHE Being Me in My World</p> 	<p>RE Judaism</p> 

If you or your child has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher.

Best Wishes

The Year 4 Team