

Dear children and family,

Welcome to Year 4! I hope you had a lovely time over the summer and that you are looking forward to the new school year. We are all looking forward to working together with you to make this an exciting and productive year, with plenty of fun thrown in for good measure.

Throughout the year we will be encouraging the children to become independent learners and take risks with their learning, to persevere and learn from mistakes. There will also be lots of opportunities to work together, co-operating and solving problems by talking to others; we are certainly looking forward to the year ahead! If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact me through the school office admin@stpeter.sch.je and I will respond as promptly as I can.

Thank you for all your support.

Mrs McDermott and Mrs Valentine.

The Term Ahead

This term we will be looking at the local environment in our topic 'Location, Location, Location'. This unit of work will give us the opportunity to develop our historical skills as we look at some of the events that have shaped Jersey and its history. We will be visiting local areas of interest and taking part in some traditional Jersey activities. In science we will learn about states of matter putting our scientific skills to work when we compare and group materials together according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases as well as observing what happens to materials when they are heated and cooled. As we move towards Christmas, we will begin to look at electricity, where it comes from and have a go at building our own simple circuits.

P.E.

PE days will be...

Tuesday and Friday

Please can you ensure all clothing is clearly named and your child is wearing the school PE kit as well as suitable footwear.

Homework

Homework will focus on reading, spelling, times tables and the related division facts. The children need regular opportunities to practise these skills and develop individual strategies that best suit them and their learning styles. Further details about homework will be sent out separately.

Literacy and Numeracy in Year 4...

Writing: We will be reading the 'Best Part of Me' and creating our own poetry in a similar style, we will also be reading 'Voices in the Park' and learning how to write from a different point of view. We will use connectives to extend our sentences, learn how to use pronouns effectively, and develop our use of figurative language to add interest to our writing. We will also continue to develop a handwriting style that is neat and joined.

Reading: The children are encouraged to read 'real' books and are asked to select books they're interested in and to read these regularly making their own comments in their reading records focusing on different reading skills.

Maths: This term there will be an emphasis on number, place value and addition. We will practise our mental calculations and multiplication facts which will help us calculate more efficiently. We will also continue to develop our use of formal written methods and continue to Investigate different ways to solve problems using prior knowledge.