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YEAR 4 CLASS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school and to Year 4! We hope you all had a healthy and happy summer break. We are very much looking forward to working with the Year 4 class this year.

Until she goes on maternity leave, Mrs Davis will be the main class teacher with Mrs Delacovias in charge on Thursday mornings and Ms Eaton on Thursday afternoons. Ms Eaton will then take over as main class teacher when Mrs Davis leaves. We will be supported by our fantastic teaching assistants: Mr Williams and Mrs Kerby. If you would like to contact us then please do so by email if possible: c.davis@cumnorschool.co.uk and sarah.eaton@cumnorschool.co.uk. If it is urgent, please phone the school office or come to the outside classroom door. We would very much appreciate you wearing a face mask if you come to speak to us in person.

Arrival

Children should arrive through the outside classroom door. They can arrive in the classroom from 8.35am and must be there by 8:50am when the register is taken. They should enter the classroom independently and use the hand sanitiser provided. There will be 'Early work' for children to complete which will be written on the classroom board.

Equipment and personal belongings

All pupils in Key Stage 2 will be given a clear plastic pencil case labelled with their name. They will be given a handwriting pen, a purple editing pen and a pencil to keep in their pencil case as well as other items such as: a ruler, rubber, a sharpener and colouring pens/pencils. These items will be replaced if they run out but it is important that pupils take responsibility for looking after their pencil case kit. If pupils lose items from their pencil case, we will expect them to replace them. Their pencil cases will be kept in their trays along with their work books. We will also provide one set of headphones for use with our chrome books.

We have allocated pegs and lockers for each class in separate areas. Coats should be kept on the Y4 pegs in the corridor. If children bring in a lunchbox, this will need to be kept in their locker. PE kits should also be kept in the lockers. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing sensible, comfortable shoes and clothing in which they can run around. They should also have a coat with them **every single day** as we will be going outside as much as possible. Healthy snacks for break times may be kept in their classroom tray. Children must bring a named bottle of still water into the classroom. The water fountains will not be in use this term. It would also be a good idea to provide your child with a small packet of tissues to be

kept in their pencil case. The children will be washing their hands regularly throughout the day and always before eating.

Homework

This year all homework will be set on Google Classroom. Pupils will be given a homework book in which they can do their work at home but this does not need to be brought into school. Children should ensure they 'turn in' and attach evidence of their homework on Google Classroom. We will provide online feedback. In Year 4, homework will be set on a Friday and should be completed by the following Wednesday. In addition to the set pieces of homework, it is expected that Year 4 pupils will be reading regularly at home and practising times tables. By the end of Year 4, the children are expected to be able to recall all the times table facts quickly. We will be doing a lot of work on this in class but it is crucial that children practise regularly at home too.

Books

Pupils should choose one reading book at a time and keep it in their tray. They may take the book home to read each night or they may bring one book from home into school to read. We have a mini library within the Year 4 classroom and they will also have access to the main key stage 2 library. Much of our work in English this term will be based around texts written by Roald Dahl and we would encourage the children to read as many of his works as possible.

Topic and Trip

Our first class topic for the autumn term will be: The Life, Works and Times of Roald Dahl. Please see the attached topic overview for the key areas of learning. We are very excited to tell you that we have arranged to take the class to see *Matilda the Musical* in November. Further details about this will be sent to you nearer the time.

We look forward to a positive and productive term ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Cate Davis and Sarah Eaton