Friday 6th September 2019

Dear Parents

Welcome back! I hope you had an enjoyable summer.

I am really excited to be teaching Year 4 this year, and after spending some time last year with the class I know we’re going to have a fantastic time.

Joining me this year is Mr Richardson, who will be supporting the class each morning for Guided Reading, English and Maths. We also have Miss Thomas, who will join the class on Thursday afternoons, and a welcome return to Miss Godwin, who will be with us on Wednesdays.

**Topic** this term is based around the Romans and in particular, what effect the Romans had on Britain.

**In English**, much of our learning will be centered around a book called The Matchbox Diary, which is a gentle story of a boy’s migration from Italy to the US.

As part of this, we will be creating our own matchbox diaries, which I hope will also serve as a future reminder to the memories your child will create in Year 4.

**Maths** will predominantly be based upon place value, addition and subtraction – although I do want to make an early start on times tables knowledge up to 12x12 as this year, Year 4 will be tested on their times tables in a newly introduced national test.

**P.E.** will be on Thursdays and Fridays, but P.E. kits should be brought in on Mondays and taken home on Fridays. It is a compulsory part of the curriculum so all children are expected to take part. If there is any reason why your child can not partake in a particular P.E lesson, please provide a written note to inform school as to why. If your child is unable to remove their earrings, please also provide tape or plasters to cover them over in order to reduce the risk of serious injury.

**Reading Diaries** will be checked every daily, so are an ideal way to send me a message if I we are unable chat at the beginning or end of each day.

**Homework** will frequently focus on times tables and spelling practice and a weekly spelling test will be carried out on Friday.

Best Wishes

Mr Bown