

Dear parent/carer,

Welcome to Year 4! We are really enjoying getting to know your children and we look forward to the exciting year ahead of us which will involve learning about the Vikings, the Rainforest and eventually the Ancient Egyptians!

Due to current circumstances we have had to make some changes to the usual 'start of term' and many of those are outlined below:

Welcome Back week

For the first week back, we have been focusing on settling the children back into school and providing lessons thinking about well-being and working as part of our school community. We will begin to teach our wider curriculum next week, attached is a 'Collectable' that gives you an outline of our topic learning for this term.

PE

On their day of PE, children must come to school in full PE kit. The kit includes the following: a purple school PE T-Shirt, appropriate sports footwear, their school jumper, and **black** shorts, **black** leggings or **black** tracksuit bottoms. They will not need their school uniforms at all on these days.

The PE days are as follows:

Hazel Class (Mr Robinson)- Wednesday and Thursday

Cherry Class (Mrs Wall) – Monday and Thursday

Homework

There is no homework for the first few weeks back. Whilst you are waiting we would recommend reading as much as possible and fostering a love of books!

We will be setting homework on a Friday, due in for the following Thursday and will be moving to using Google Classroom (just like in lockdown). We will be providing training in class for pupils but if you are unable to use this software, or have any difficulties, please do contact us as some paper copies will be available.

Reading

We will not be sending Reading Diaries home for the time being but we will move to using online records to support children with this further. Books are available from the school library, which your child will visit **twice weekly**.

Forest School

Please read the attached letter about forest school which is a fantastic opportunity to get outside and work. The forest school dates are as follows:

Hazel Class (Mr Robinson) 14th & 28th September, 12th October, and 2nd, 16th & 30th November

Cherry Class (Mrs Wall) 21st September, 5th & 19th October, 9th & 23rd November and 7th December

Contacting teachers

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's teacher to arrange an appointment. The best way to do this is a phone call to the office but we also have class emails which are hazel@st-margarets.torbay.sch.uk and cherry@st-margarets.torbay.sch.uk Please note that teachers will check and reply to emails when possible, but anything important or urgent is more easily dealt with via a conversation either on the phone or in person.

We really look forward to working with you and your child this year, and wish you all the best.

Warm regards,

The Year 4 Team