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Dear parents and carers,

**Welcome back!**

We hope you had a lovely summer. It is great to be back in school and to see the children settling into Year 4, enjoying their learning and spending time with their friends.

**Topics this term**

Our topic this term is The Romans - please see the topic web for more information on our learning in the different areas of the curriculum.

**Term 1 & 2 RSHE Content for Year Four**

As we communicated in our Relationships, Health and Sex Education consultation, we will be keeping you regularly informed about content to be taught in the term ahead.

This term, your child will have the following Jigsaw topics:

Term 1	<b>Being Me in My World</b> - being part of a class team, being a school citizen, rights, responsibilities and democracy, rewards and consequences, group decision-making, having a voice, what motivates behaviour
Term 2	<b>Celebrating Difference</b> - challenging assumptions, judging by appearance, accepting self and others, understanding influences, understanding bullying, problem-solving, identifying how special and unique everyone is, first-impressions

The vocabulary used will be:

Term 1	Included Excluded Welcome Valued Team Role Job description School Community Responsibility Rights Responsibilities Democracy Reward Consequence Democratic Decisions Voting Authority Learning Charter Contribution Observer Decisions Choices UN Convention on Rights of Child
Term 2	Character Assumption Judgement Surprised Different Appearance Accept Influence Opinion Attitude Bullying Friend Secret Deliberate On purpose Bystander Witness Bully Problem solve Cyber-bullying Text message Website Troll Special Unique Different Characteristics Physical features Impression Changed Assumption Influence Special

Please see the RHSE curriculum page of our school website for further information.

## **What do children need to bring to school?**

### **1. Water bottle**

Please provide your child with a named water bottle to bring in every day.

### **2. Snack and lunch**

Your child might want to bring in a healthy snack for break time as well as a packed lunch (unless you have booked a having school dinner).

### **3. PE kit**

Children should bring their school PE kit in and put it on their peg in the cloakroom. Please make sure that all items of kit are clearly named. If your child has pierced ears, they do need be able to take out earrings on their own.

## **Reading**

We will be sending out new reading record books next week. Please use these to record your child's reading at home. We are asking the children to read 4 times a week. To encourage this, we will be giving them a sticker on a special book mark which we will keep in school and when it is completed they will earn a small prize. Please can the reading records be sent in every day and we will check them on a weekly basis. In year 4 a variety of approaches can be taken to reading including hearing your child read, reading to them, asking questions and discussing new words to help extend their vocabulary. Your child can borrow a book from school or read their own choice from home or the library. We are often asked for recommendations so will send a list with the reading records.

## **Communication**

Please continue to email the office with any messages. Thank you to those parents who have already let us know about pick up arrangements. Please let us know if you have any queries.

## **Medication**

If your child uses an inhaler, please ensure that you bring it to the school office in a named container along with the prescription requirements - please ask the office for a form to complete and sign.

## **Birthday celebrations**

As part of our healthy school approach, we no longer are able to hand out sweets, cakes or gifts to the class from the birthday girl or boy.

This information will be reviewed and amended whenever needed and we will inform you as soon as possible. If you have any other questions about Year 4, please do not hesitate to contact us. We hope your child enjoys their learning journey this year!

With best wishes,

Miss Hobby and Mrs Moore