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Dear Parents/Carers,

**Welcome back Melbur class – Year 4**

We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas break and are looking forward to another busy school term. We have lots of exciting things planned.

**Melbur Team:**

We would like to remind you that for the Spring Term, Miss Morrison will be teaching the children on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs Cooper will be teaching on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Miskowicz is our class HLTA and she will be teaching the class on Wednesday afternoons. Mr Bacon will be supporting groups of children in Maths.

**Curriculum:**

Our first Topic is, '**Where Does My Food Go?**' which explores the journey of food through our digestive tract. Science sessions will also focus on teeth and tooth hygiene. Many foundation subject areas including music, art and design and computing are also covered in this unit.

After half term we will be moving on to our second Topic, '**Were The Dark Ages Dark?** History is the lead subject and involves pupils learning about the invaders and settlers who came to the British Isles from Scandinavia and North West Europe in the centuries which followed the departure of the Romans.

We will be teaching English and Maths every day and in most cases our English lessons will be linked to our Topics. In Maths we are going to be exploring Multiplication, Division, Area and Fractions. The class will also have a daily mental maths session where we will consolidate learning in all areas of Mathematics. The children will also continue with our weekly Times Table Challenge.

We have specialist teachers who will take the children for certain sessions:

- Ms Trula – Spanish (Monday from 25.02.19)
- Mr Bacon (PE) - PE (Monday & Thursday)

In Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) this term we will be learning about alcohol- the measures of alcohol, the social side of alcohol and we will explore the legal age and why it is so.

Our SMSC development and Religious Education Topic is Judaism including a trip to a Synagogue.

### Reading Books:

Children will be responsible for changing and selecting their individual books when necessary. The children are also encouraged to take home a library book.

It is included in our School Policy that the children will read at home **at least 5 times per week**. Each reading 'session' should be for at least 10 minutes and will require a signature in the reading record for verification.

Reading in Key Stage 2 is obviously of vital importance for the children's progress and we appreciate your cooperation with this. If a child has not completed the reading expectation, they will be invited to attend Lunch Time Learning Club.

Reading records will be checked on a **Monday**. Please make sure that your child has their record in school on this day because this is the only day that they will be checked for reading points towards our reading reward scheme.

### Homework:

The children will receive their homework on a **Tuesday** and it is expected that the homework will be completed and handed in by the following **Monday** morning.

Homework this term will consist of:

- Times tables
- Spellings and Handwriting
- Occasional extra tasks linked to our curriculum unit

Although homework tasks will be sent home to aid the learning of spellings and times tables, it is important to remember that **the homework task is to learn the spellings and times tables** as opposed to completing the accompanying tasks. Although the spellings may seem tricky, these are the government expected spellings for children in Years 3 & 4. Where appropriate, children will also be given other spellings to practise.

### PE:

PE is on Mondays and Thursdays, although we ask that P.E kit is present in school each day.

We would like to remind you that PE kit consists of:

- Black shorts or leggings
- School PE top or plain white round necked T-shirt (no large print or design please)
- Trainers or plimsolls
- Socks
- Tracksuits (for outside PE during colder weather)
- No earrings or jewellery to be worn for PE/swimming.

Children will have swimming lessons in the Summer Term. Further details of this will be sent home nearer the time.

### Open Door Policy:

We welcome your feedback on any aspect of your child's time in Year 4, please pop in and see us after school to discuss any questions, queries or problems that you may have. If you have any pressing issues that need to be addressed a note would be much appreciated as the morning is a very busy time. There will be opportunities during the year when we would very much welcome your support and feedback.

We look forward to once again working closely with you and your children this term.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Cooper, Miss Morrison and Mrs Miskowicz  
Melbur Team

