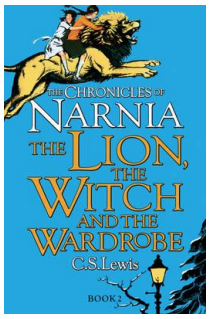
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Dear Families,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are feeling ready for the exciting term ahead.



Writing and Reading

During the Autumn Term, Jeff Kinney class will be exploring *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. Through this text, the children will write their own setting descriptions and discussion texts inspired by the story. They will also apply newly learned writing techniques across a range of purposeful writing opportunities. Our Book Club will also focus on Narnia, giving children the chance to answer comprehension questions linked to the class text. In addition, we will enjoy performing and reading a variety of texts in engaging and creative ways.

Maths

In Mathematics, the children will begin by focusing on place value. Year 3 children will develop their understanding of hundreds, tens and ones, while Year 4 children will extend their knowledge to numbers up to 1,000. All children will learn how to partition numbers using a part-whole model and compare a range of different numbers. A key focus for both year groups during the Autumn Term will be addition and subtraction. The children will practise adding 3- and 4-digit numbers using strategies such as column addition and place value grids. In subtraction, they will begin to learn about exchanging and when it is needed to help solve calculations.

PE

The children will have a double PE session every **Wednesday**. This term, they will be taking part in yoga and fitness. Lessons may take place indoors or outdoors, so please ensure your child has suitable footwear and clothing for both. All children will need to wear their house T-shirt with blue or black shorts, leggings or joggers with **no branded logos or team badges**. Children will need their PE kit in school every **Wednesday**, although they may leave it in school throughout the week to help avoid forgetting it. Please send your child to school in their uniform on Wednesdays; they will change into their PE kit during the school day.

Uniform

A polite reminder that, now the children are in Year 4, there is a greater emphasis on them taking responsibility for their own possessions and clothing. Please ensure your child's name is clearly written on all items, including indoor footwear and plimsolls, as this makes it much easier to return any lost property. A big well done to all the children who have remembered their sandshoes, especially as the weather begins to change.

Homework

Spellings: Spellings will be handed out every **Friday**, and children will be tested the following Friday. To practise, children can use the 'look, cover, write, check' method. Children will be expected to spell at least half of the words correctly. If they do not, they will spend part of their break time practising them again.

Times Tables: Times tables will be practised daily in school. Children will also complete a weekly test every Friday morning using the same format as the Multiplication Tables Check. This will help them prepare for the statutory assessment for the year 4's later in the year. All children are also encouraged to use **TT Rockstars** and **Timestable.co.uk** to support their practice at home.

Reading: Children should read at home at least three times a week. Reading records will be checked every **Friday** to ensure children are practising regularly, and books will be changed on Fridays when needed. If children have not read at least three times during the week, they will be given time to catch up with their reading during Friday break time.

Many thanks, Mr Hoult

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