



Braunston C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 4 at Braunston School. We hope that your summer has been enjoyable and you have enjoyed lots of family time.

I will be teaching 4 days this year and Mr Pryce will be teaching all day on a Wednesday. We will have Mrs Phipps teaching French.

Curriculum: During this half term there will be a geography focus on our capital city of London, followed next half term by a historical study of the Romans and their empire. In science, initially we will be investigating sound, followed by the human body's digestive system and teeth.

PE: P.E will be on a **Wednesday** and a **Friday**: children **MUST** wear their PE kit to school on these days! Their kit should consist of a white t-shirt (PE or school), dark shorts or tracksuit bottoms, plimsolls or trainers and their **school sweatshirt / hoodie**.

Reading: Children should be reading daily at home on their own and regularly with an adult (this remains vital to their reading development). We will be expecting three logs in their records each week to show they have been reading at home. Parents and carers should encourage children to discuss reading materials: considering the meaning of words, actions of characters, the effect of settings and the layout of different texts. Reading aloud gives children the opportunity to practise intonation, using the punctuation for effect and showing their understanding of characters. The children will have a reading scheme book for this purpose, and will need to bring this to school, along with their reading record, each day.

Spellings: Children will explore spelling patterns, and exceptions to these, daily in class. To consolidate their skills, children will be expected to complete a weekly look, cover, write check grid to prepare them for the weekly spelling test in school on a **Wednesday**. This grid will be in the book with the maths homework to be handed in on a **Tuesday**.

Maths Homework: Times table activities will be completed regularly therefore your child should be practising these to help improve their recall speed - this is beneficial to so many areas in maths. We will also be sending home Times table Rockstar logins. We will also be sending out weekly maths homework on a **Thursday** to be completed and handed **IN** on a **Tuesday**. This homework gives you and your child an opportunity to practise and share the strategies that they are learning within school and to keep a range of topics fresh in their mind.

Children will need to have a named water bottle in school throughout the week, that they need to bring in already filled **EVERYDAY**. This will be kept on their desk throughout the day for them to be able to keep hydrated. A healthy snack can be brought into school to be eaten at break time - please remember no nuts.

We will be holding a parent's information evening if you wish to attend on Monday 18th September, 4:45pm - 5:15pm. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, using the school email system or telephone.

Kind regards,
The Year 4 Team



