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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are excited to share with you the learning journey your child will embark on this term in Year 4/5  
Our aim is to provide engaging and meaningful experiences that help every child achieve their full potential.

## Curriculum Overview

This term, pupils will focus on:

Subject	Overview
Maths	Multiplication & division (including problem solving) Fractions (including decimals) Measurement – converting measures Geometry – properties of shape
English	Story Writing with a focus on different view points Poetry Procedural texts Diaries Setting and Character Descriptions
Science	Year 4: Habitat States of Matter Year 5: Materials Forces
History	Antoient Greece
Geography	Rivers
Art & DT	Indian Art
RE	Are Sikh stories important today? (Sikhi) How significant is it for Christians to believe that God intended Jesus to die? (Christianity)
Music	Jazz Rock 'n' Roll
ICT	Spreadsheets – writing formulae to resolve age-appropriate mathematical problems (e.g. calculate area of triangles) Data Handling – Exploring and creating databases
PE	Health and Fitness Cross Country
Lifeskills	Careers and Finance

## Specialist Teaching

We are fortunate enough to have many specialist teachers across the school. In Year 4/5, the children will have drama, dance and music on Friday afternoon, taught by Claire, Miss Lynch and our new drama teacher Sam. Madame Bastable will teach French language and cultural studies on a Tuesday afternoon along with steel panning. In addition to this, teachers from across the school will be teaching the children in their areas of interest and expertise

## PE

Physical Education is an important part of our curriculum, helping children develop fitness, teamwork, and confidence. The children will have PE every other Wednesday (Week 1) as well as a weekly dance lesson with Claire. To allow for timetable variations, **please ensure your child's PE kit is in school all week.** This ensures they are prepared for any changes and can fully participate in all activities. Within their PE kit, the children should have shorts, a white t-shirt for indoor PE and tracksuit bottoms, a sweatshirt and trainers for outdoor PE. They should also have a change of socks. This is especially important for girls who will need to change out of tights for PE. Can we please also ask that, for safety reasons, any earrings/studs are removed for all PE activities. We ask you to wait until the summer holidays for any ear piercings to allow them time to heal so they can be removed for PE. If your child is in G&T drama or dance, they will need their black each Friday. These should **not** be worn into school instead of school uniform.

## Outdoor Learning

This term, Outdoor Education will take place on Fridays. Your child will have outdoor learning every 3 weeks. Your child should have a suitable waterproof coat, hat and gloves if needed and a change of footwear that you won't mind getting muddy such as Wellies. We will always try to remind your child if they have Outdoor learning the day before. If you are, they can always bring their kit just in case.

## Homework

To support your child's learning at home and reinforce key skills taught in class, we set regular homework tasks. These help pupils consolidate their understanding and develop good study habits.

This term, homework will include:

- Weekly spelling homework on ED Shed due every Monday.
- Weekly times tables practice on TTRS (minimum 20 minutes) due every Monday
- Daily reading at home, ideally aloud to an adult.

## Uniform

Thank you for sending your child to school looking so smart and ready to learn! We're proud that the children's appearance is often complimented by members of the community, and we really appreciate your support in keeping up these high standards.

For health and safety reasons, we ask that any child with hair long enough to tie back does so. We also kindly request that hairstyles remain natural and suitable for school. please avoid bright colours or patterns shaved into the hair. Finally, just a reminder that makeup and nail varnish aren't allowed in school. Thank you for helping us reinforce these expectations at home.

## Equipment:

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the school's policy on water bottles. Children are kindly requested to bring a bottle containing water which they will have access to throughout the

day. We ask for water instead of drinks such as squash, as they can be very sticky when spilt and can cause damage to books and equipment. Having water readily available also helps to support our Healthy Schools initiative. The children may, however, have a separate drink of squash or similar (no fizzy drinks or energy drinks please) in their lunchbox for when they are in the lunch hall.

As the we navigate the winter months, we ask you to ensure your child has an appropriate waterproof, warm coat in school each day.

Please could you remind your child that toys, fidgets, and valuables should not be brought into school. These items can easily become lost or damaged, and they can also distract from learning. We really appreciate your support in helping us keep the focus on learning throughout the day

### **Key Dates:**

Year 4 Swimming begins Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

We hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Here's to a successful and enjoyable term!

Lydia Parsley

Deputy Headteacher

Year 4/5 and 6 Team Leader

Freya Smith, Neil Gauld, Lizzie Bowskill

Year 4/5 Class Teachers