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Dear Y4 parents, carers and children,

Welcome back to school after what I hope has been a good half term break.

Learning

Our topic this term is '**Heroes and Villains**'. We will be learning all about fictional and real life heroes and villains. Our class novel will be 101 Dalmations by Dodie Smith. We will be starting by looking at the fictional villain of Cruella De Vil and going on to think about some real life heroic figures.

Please see over for our Topic Web, which explains what we will cover across the curriculum.

Class Routines

I will teach the class on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Miss Carson will teach the class on Wednesdays. This term the teaching assistants in Year 4 are Mrs Hughes in the morning and Miss O'Leary in the afternoons.

On a Thursday afternoon it is my PPA time and Mrs Bristow will take the class followed by Mrs Marsden for their weekly French lesson.

PE

PE continues to be **Monday** and **Friday** mornings. Please ensure PE kit, including trainers, is in school on those days, or even better keep it in school. Weather permitting, I aim to do one indoor and one outdoor PE session a week so please ensure your child has warm clothing to do PE in. It is also really helpful if long hair is tied up on PE days and jewellery not worn.

Homework

This term, homework will go home on **Friday**, and come back on **Tuesday** please.

Homework will consist of: topic (chosen from the homework matrix in your child's book), and one or two of the following: a '**Mymaths**' task, spellings or times tables to learn, which will be then tested in class. There is also **Times Tables Rock Stars** to help with learning times tables. Please ask if you have lost your log-in details.



Reading

Children will bring home a reading journal to record the reading they are enjoying at home this year. Please try to find time to read with your child every day – it really does make a difference! This could be them reading aloud to you, you reading to them, or a combination of both! It is also crucial to discuss what you have read together – from likes and dislikes, to new words spotted or facts learned...

Band

Band continues to be on Tuesday mornings through the 'First Access' music scheme run by the Oxfordshire County Music Service. Many of the children are taking their instrument home to practise which is fantastic. However, please remember to send in the instruments on **Tuesdays**.

Contacting us

Parents evenings will be held next week. Otherwise, if you have any concerns or questions about your child's progress or welfare please let me know. The easiest way to contact me is via the school office email (see above). Alternatively, the end of the day is usually the best time to catch me in person, or a quick message can be passed on at the beginning of the day.

Year 4 Residential

As you already know we will be going away on a residential from **May 23rd-25th 2017**. Thank you to all who have already paid the deposit in order to secure a place. There will be a meeting towards the end of this term to give you more information about what the children will need and what we will be doing. Final payment is due by Friday 5th May.

Jack and the Beanstalk

Year 3 and 4 will be taking part in a musical production on **March 21st and 22nd** of Jack and the Beanstalk. There will be evening performances on both these days. All the children are currently learning the words to the songs and we will be working on the acting over the next few weeks. A costume letter will also be sent home in the next week. Please let us know sooner rather than later if you will be unable to find the costume your child needs, once you have seen the letter. Similarly, if you can help anyone else out with things you have at home then please let us know.

We are all looking forward to a very busy, but exciting, term ahead.

With best wishes

Liz Newbury





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