**Little Green Junior School - Year 4 Newsletter** Autumn Term 2019

 Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 4! We hope that you and your families have had a lovely summer break and are refreshed and ready for a brilliant year.

The Curriculum

Attached to this letter you will find a curriculum map outlining some aspects of our first topic - ‘Canal Explorers’. We ask you to remember that curriculum is a focus this year, and this curriculum map provides only a skeleton of the projects that we will be undertaking.

Homework

Homework is set in accordance with the School’s Homework policy. The recommended weekly amount for Year 4 is as follows:

* **Reading** – **aloud to an adult for 10 minutes at least 5 times per week.**

Reading records will be checked on a **Tuesday .**

We ask parents to ensure the Reading Record has been signed and comments written about each read as this information is the basis of reading stickers and rewards.

* **Spelling** practice of approx. **5 minutes 5 times in the week**, each signed by an adult.

Tests will be on a **Thursday** each week and spelling books checked on a **Wednesday.**

* Learning times tables and number facts, continuing Table Challenge started in Year 3.
* Times tables will be tested every **Thursday**.
* There will also be a Homework task linked to the year group topic. More details will be released shortly whilst we update our policy.

We will offer Homework Club three lunchtimes a week to support the completion of routine learning and

Homework. Each session offered is from 12:15 – 12:45, enabling lunch to be eaten and have some playtime.

Your child may choose to attend or be sent by their class teacher if classwork or homework in incomplete.

PE Timetable

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| **Class** | **PE Games** | **PE Dance/Gym** |
| *4R* | Wednesday | Tuesday |
| *4E* | Friday | Wednesday  |
| *4H* |  Friday | Wednesday |

\*Your child may take part in PE at times other than those above,

PE Kits must be ***in School at all times*** and children must have suitable footwear for indoor and outdoor work. For details please refer to the School Uniform Policy available on the School’s website.

Music

Once again, we have the fantastic opportunity for every child to learn an instrument as part of their weekly Music lesson from the Herts County Council “First Access Programme”. Lessons will be for two terms over the year, with 4E and 4R beginning in September and 4H commencing after Christmas. Our Music curriculum will be delivered through these extended lessons. There will still be regular singing in Singing Assembly and in learning songs for our Christmas Production.

We look forward to developing our partnership with you and your child throughout the year. However, should you have any questions about any of the items in this letter or other issues affecting your child, please send a message via the class email.

 Thank you again for all of your support,

 Miss Brauka Miss Tuthill Mr Whitelaw