

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 4! I hope you have had a lovely break with your family and you're ready for a busy term ahead. This letter is to inform you of the learning your child will be involved in this term and any other necessary information. As you will be aware, I will be teaching the core subjects to the children in the morning and they will mix into another class in the afternoon. Your children will be released out of the year 4 classroom door at the end of the school day.

Open door policy

At Austin Farm Academy we are more than happy to help and support you with anything you may need. I am happy to take quick messages in the mornings but anything more in depth will need to be sent via Class Dojo. Once the children are in class and I am taking the register I will be unable to take messages at the door.

Homework

To reinforce what your child has been learning in school your child will be given homework on a Monday which needs to be completed and handed in by the Friday of that week. This will typically be Maths based and online through Power Maths, spellings and handwriting practise. It is really important for me to see what areas of learning the children have been successful in and which will need to be revisited. Therefore, please could your child attempt their work independently. Please can all homework be **completed in pencil** please.

PE

Year 4 will have PE on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. The correct PE kit is: blue PE t-shirt and plain blue or black shorts. No football kits or own clothes. Please ensure that with the colder weather approaching that your child wears a plain tracksuit to ensure that they stay warm.

Reading

We feel very strongly about nurturing and instilling a love of reading within children. Your child will be familiar with AR now and they will be given a reading range. They will need to read regularly throughout the week. **Once your child has finished their book they will need to complete an accelerated reader quiz on the computer. If they get a high enough percentage on the quiz, they will be able to progress onto a new book.**

Snack

Your child is allowed to bring to school a healthy snack that can be eaten at break time. No chocolate or sweets are allowed.

Water bottles.

Children will need to bring a water bottle from home **filled with water** and will be expected to take their bottle home at the end of the day to be washed in preparation for the next day. Please make sure the bottle is labelled with a name. There will be no cups available at the sink for drinking from.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me either in the morning or to my email address:

lhobbins@austinfarmacademy.com.

Mrs Hobbins :-)

English

In English we will begin with a non-fiction text with a focus on formal and informal writing.

The children will practise writing different text types in order to support them in their independent writing.

After this unit, we will move onto a narrative unit.

I look forward to seeing how the children progress this term.

Year 4 Science

In this unit about **Animals Including Humans**, children will expand on their learning from year 3 about how animals, including humans, need to get nutrition from what they eat. They will explore the different organs of the digestive system in humans and the functions of teeth in both humans and animals.

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Art

The children will be embarking on a new part of our curriculum which will be led by Mrs Davis. The scheme we will be using is called Access Art. More information to follow regarding the content of the learning.

PE

This term, the children will be focussing on net games and gymnastics.

Geography

This term the children will be learning about **The Rhine and the Mediterranean**. We will be using our 'Opening Worlds' scheme of work to help the children understand about The river Rhine, Cologne, Rotterdam, The changing Rhine, The Mediterranean Sea and the Suez Canal.

Maths

This term we will be looking number and place value. The class will be focussing on 4 digit numbers, adding and subtracting 4 digit numbers and rounding.

Jigsaw

This term our Jigsaw unit is called '**Being me in my World**'. The class will be learning about becoming a class team, being a school citizen, rights, responsibilities and democracy and rewards and responsibilities.

History

This term the children will be learning about **The Roman Republic**. We will be using our 'Opening Worlds' scheme of work to help the children understand about the first king of Rome, Romulus, The Punic wars, Hannibal's attack on Rome and Roman culture.

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This term the children will be learning about **The Family of Jesus**. We will be using our 'Opening Worlds' scheme of work to help the children understand Judea in the first century BC, The coming of the Messiah, Mary and Joseph, The Annunciation and why these stories are so important to Christians.

MFL

The children will continue to develop their learning of the French language through our successful new scheme.

Computing

This term the children will be learning about **computing systems and the internet**. They will study connecting networks, what the internet is made of, sharing information, what a website is, who owns the web and can they believe what they read. Computing will be taught by Mrs Bridgeman this year.