

Dear Y4 Parents and Carers,

We are very pleased to welcome your children back to school and we look forward to sharing the next steps on their learning journey at The Ellis with them.

Below is information which we hope will be helpful to you.

### PE

During the Autumn term, Y4'S PE lesson will be split between one lesson in school and one swimming lesson each week. Children will need their PE kits for **Wednesdays** and their swimming kits for **Fridays**. All information regarding swimwear can be found in a separate letter. Swimming lessons will begin on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

### Outdoor learning

There is no such thing as bad weather, only inappropriate clothing! At The Ellis we love to learn outside and in Y4 we will be using our outdoor classroom and wider school environment as much as possible. This means that your child will need appropriate footwear and coats every day. Indoor pumps will be needed in school to protect our classrooms from the inevitable mud!

### Reading Books

Your child will bring home a reading book to enjoy and share with you at home. They can also read books or other reading materials of their choosing at home. Please record in their reading diary when they have read to an adult or maybe an older sibling. We ask that reading diaries are in your child's book bag every day. If reading diaries are filled then we will send home a second diary free of charge, however if it is lost then we ask that a new one is bought from the office at the cost of £1. Your child is welcome to change their book any day of the week when they have completed it but it is their responsibility to ensure books are changed regularly. Children should aim to read at home at least 3 times per week and reading raffle tickets will be awarded for reading.

### Spelling books

The children will be bringing home spelling books. They will write in their new spellings on a Tuesday and bring their book home to practise. Please support your child in learning their spellings. They will be regularly assessed in their spellings. Their spelling books need to be in school every Tuesday.

### Homework

The children will be set weekly learning tasks on a learning platform called Mirodo. This web-based learning will be designed to consolidate the learning they are doing in school. They will have one English based and one Maths based assignment each week. They can also use the website to access other tasks which will support their learning. Look out for a letter with more information and log in details.

Children are encouraged to regularly practise spellings and time tables online. As a school we have subscribed to websites to support the children with their learning. Seesaw will be used in school regularly and may be used for learning at home if the need arises. The children will be given their individual logins for Mirodo, Seesaw, TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed (they are stapled in the back of their reading diaries). Please support your child with their learning on these platforms.

You can find The Magnolias on Twitter (now known as X) @TheEllis\_Y4. We use X/Twitter to share the learning we are doing at school, celebrate achievements and give information.

### Autumn 1 learning overview

#### English

We will start the half term by reading Street Child by Berlie Doherty. We will explore annotations, fact files, diary accounts and biographies. We will be reading the same book in our VIPERS (reading) lesson to further deepen our comprehension skills.

## Maths

We will learn about place value and comparing and ordering numbers during the first weeks of Y4. We will then learn about addition and subtraction, including securing the formal method of column addition and subtraction.

## Science

Our Science learning will focus on Electricity this half term. We will learn about keeping safe, good and bad electrical conductors, and simple series circuits.

## History

In History, we will be exploring the question 'How have children's lives changed?'

## Re

In RE, we will be exploring the question 'How special is the relationship Jews have with God?'

## PE

We will be focusing on football alongside developing our swimming journey.

## Art

In Art, we will be looking at design, drawing, craft, painting and art appreciation through creating an optical illusion print, replicating a plate in the famous willow pattern, and still life drawing.

## Computing

We will be learning about computer systems and networks, particularly how information is transferred between systems and devices.

## French

We will be learning about describing people in French and focusing on specific portrait characteristics.

## Music

We will be learning about composition and notation in music.

## PSHE

We will be looking at Keep Safe during our PSHE lessons.

Kind regards

Miss Bradbury and the Y4 Team