

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 lessons will be split between one lesson in school and one swimming lesson each week. Children will need their PE kits for Wednesdays and swimming kits for Fridays, as lessons continue for this half term.

## 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 however 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 which will be set on a Thursday.** 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 be regularly practising spellings and time tables online regularly. 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 *Until I met Dudley* (how every day things really work) by Roger McGough and Chris Riddell. We will begin by finishing reading *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty then we will be reading *Fantastic Mr Fox* by Roald Dahl.

### Maths

We will learn about Multiplication and Division alongside our Times Tables focused lessons on a Friday.

### Science

Our Science learning will focus on States of Matter this half term. We will learn about particle form and changing states of matter through different experiments.

### Geography

In Geography, we will be exploring the question 'How and why is my local area changing?'. We will be focusing on Wentworth Woodhouse as our local site.

### RE

In RE, we will be exploring the question 'What is it like for Christians to follow God?'

### PE

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

### DT

In Art, we will be looking at what a pavilion is, examples of modern architecture and go on to design and create our own.

### Computing

We will be learning about audio production and making our own podcasts about a chosen topic.

### French

We will be learning about and how to label body parts, and talk about feelings and actions.

### Music

We will be learning about Samba and carnival instruments and music.

### PSHE

We will be looking at Feelings and Emotions during our PSHE lessons.

Kind Regards

Miss Bradbury and the Y4 Team