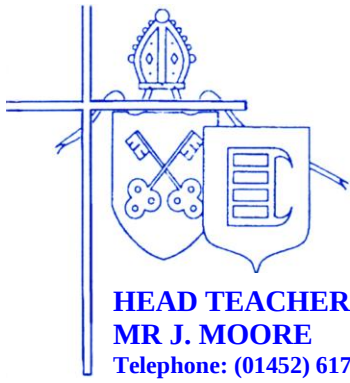




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Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Year 4. We are fortunate to have a supportive classroom team: Mrs Clarke is our learning partner, while Mr Hetherington provides 1:1 support. Mrs Marsh also works with small groups of children each morning, providing additional support where needed.

We have a busy term ahead, packed with a wide variety of exciting learning experiences. Our theme for this term is 'Hunter Gatherer', a history-based topic focusing on the Stone Age to Iron Age period. We will continue to weave this theme throughout the curriculum to enrich and deepen the children's learning. Please find attached our knowledge organiser, which provides further details about the key knowledge and vocabulary your child will be learning.

In English, we are beginning the term by focusing on the core building blocks of writing, ensuring that the children develop a strong grasp of writing mechanics. Spelling, grammar and punctuation will remain key priorities within our lessons. We will expose the children to a variety of genres, using high-quality texts as models to develop their vocabulary, sentence construction and writing skills. Reading comprehension will also be a major focus. Reading records should be brought into school every Monday, so that we can celebrate your child's reading achievements. In line with our school reading initiative, we strongly encourage children to read at home at least three times a week.

In Maths, we will cover place value, addition and subtraction, area, and multiplication and division. Within these topics, children will use a range of practical resources to develop their reasoning and problem-solving skills. Please continue to support your child in developing rapid recall of their times tables in readiness for the statutory Multiplication Tables Check later this year. TTRockstars is a great resource to support fluency. Children will come home with a reminder of their password.

In Science, our initial focus will be on rocks and soil, before moving on to healthy eating later in the term. We will place a strong emphasis on hands-on experiments and practical tasks to develop the children's scientific enquiry skills.



In RE, we will be exploring the following questions, 'How do Jews in England celebrate festivals, and how does this show what matters to them?' and 'What do Muslims believe about God and how do they respond?'.

P.E. will take place on the field on Tuesday afternoons, and children should come to school wearing their P.E. kit for this lesson. There will also be a dance session on Friday mornings in the school hall; children do not need to wear their P.E. kit for this session. Please regularly check that your child's kit fits correctly and ensure that all items are clearly named.

If you have any queries or concerns at any time, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Ferne and Mrs Knight
Class Teachers