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**St Martin's C of E Primary
& Nursery School**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you have all had a wonderful summer and we are looking forward to a fabulous year in Year 4 with you all. We are writing to inform you about what we will be learning this term, as well as introducing the staff working in Year 4.

Meet the Team:

Year 4 consists of two classes: Birch (Mr Talbot and Mrs Talos) and Sycamore (Miss McGuirk, Mrs Graham and Mrs Wiles). Miss McGuirk will be teaching on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Graham will be teaching on Thursday and Friday.

Please feel free to see any of the staff if you have any questions concerning your children and their learning. Any messages that need to be given to the class teacher can be done so via School Spider. If you are not yet on School Spider, please speak with the office and they can set you up.

The school day

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| 8:20am | Main school gates open |
| 8:30am | Register - children arriving late will need to register at the school office |
| 3:00pm | Home time |

Please see the school website for a more detailed timetable.

If you are booking holidays you will find the term dates for the next academic year on our school website.

Attendance

High attendance at school is not just valuable, it's essential. It gives children the best possible chance of developing secure friendships, feeling safe, building on prior learning and succeeding academically. There is a proven link between high attendance and doing well at school.

At St Martins we promote the importance of high attendance in our weekly celebration assembly, awarding 'Attendance Bear' to the class with the highest attendance for that week.

As a school we strive for a goal of 100% attendance however we do recognise that there will be times when children are not well enough to be in school. If your child is unwell please contact the school office. If you have any concerns regarding the attendance of your child please contact Melanie Turl - Acting Deputy Teacher via School Spider.

Learning Narrative

This term in maths we will be securing children's understanding of number and place value. Later in the term we will be developing their understanding of adding and subtracting 3-digit numbers. In English, our reading focus will be on Charlotte's Web and in our writing we will be learning how to write explanation texts, persuasive letters and include setting descriptions in our story writing.

In science, we will be looking at living things and their habitats as well as animals including humans. In history we will be learning about how the Romans impacted life today. In Religion and Worldviews, we will be learning about Hinduism and what the Trinity means to Christians. You can find a more detailed copy of the Learning Narrative on the school website.

Home Learning

Your child will be set **maths homework** each **Friday**. This needs to be completed and returned to their class teacher by the following **Thursday**. Your child can also access TT Rockstars to practise core number skills (the same logins apply from year 3).

In addition to the maths, the children are expected to read **at least 4 times** to an adult at home. It is important that the children are heard to read as much as possible to improve their fluency and comprehension. This will also have a positive impact on their writing. Children will be allowed to take home their Accelerated Reader (AR) book or Little Wandle (LW) book depending on the stage they are at. **Reading books must come back into school every day**, as they are also the children's class reading books. If on accelerated reader, once they have finished reading a book, they will then take a quiz on this in school.

P.E

Sycamore – **Tuesday** afternoon and **Thursday** morning.

Birch – **Tuesday** afternoon and **Friday** afternoon.

Please can the children come to school on their PE day wearing their outdoor PE kit. This should include:

- Black shorts/ Tracksuit bottoms
- Plain t-shirt based on your child's family learning group or plain white t-shirts
- Trainers
- School jumper can be worn for warmth

Please speak to the office if you are unsure of your child's family learning group.

Forest school

The children will visit the Forest on alternate Wednesday afternoons and will need to come to school wearing their forest clothes.

Please make sure that the children come to school with a suitable waterproof coat and their wellies. Children will need to be collected from the forest gate at the end of the school day.

We will be in touch to let you know when it is your child's first forest session.

A timetable will be on the window of your child's classroom.

Uniform and Belongings

Please ensure that all personal items are labelled clearly. Even with the best intentions, children do lose things - having them named means that items can find their way back to the correct owner.

Children do not need to bring pencil cases or stationery into school. We will provide those items for them.

Medication

If your child requires any medicines while in school, including inhalers, please ask the office for a form, which needs completing.

Questions/Queries

At St. Martins we have an open-door policy so staff will be at their doors at the beginning and end of each day to answer any quick questions. If you have any queries that need to be discussed in more depth please contact the school admin team via School Spider and address your message 'for the attention of Year 3 teachers.'

We look forward to a successful and happy year.

The Year 4 Team

