**Welcome to Year 4!**

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We hope you’ve all had a fantastic summer break and are feeling rested and ready for the exciting year ahead. Year 4 is always a busy but rewarding time, and we are really looking forward to the journey we’ll share together.

This year, the classes will be taught by Mr Vanstone and Mr Wrigley, with the wonderful support of Miss Tara as our teaching assistant. Together, we will be working hard to create a positive, supportive and challenging learning environment where every child can flourish.

Our curriculum is packed with fascinating topics to inspire curiosity and a love of learning. In history and geography, we will explore the Romans, Saxons and Greeks, investigate our local area, and make comparisons with South America. In science, we’ll begin by studying living things before moving on to states of matter in the lead-up to Christmas. Alongside this, we will be exploring a range of high-quality reading texts from wonderful authors and applying new skills in our writing, helping children become confident, expressive and accurate communicators.

There will also be opportunities to learn beyond the classroom, with trips planned throughout the year and, of course, our much-anticipated residential at Whitemoor Lakes. These experiences provide children with invaluable memories as well as new skills and independence and we can’t wait to see how the children grow.

In mathematics, we will continue to build on the solid foundations from previous years, with a particular focus on fluency, reasoning and problem-solving. We are especially looking forward to seeing the children work hard and smash the times tables check in the summer term. Regular practice at home makes a huge difference, so we encourage you to keep supporting your child with this.

As teachers, we want the very best for every child in our care. You can really help by encouraging your child to read regularly at home, to keep practising their times tables, and to take an active interest in the world around them by exploring new places and experiences as a family.

Finally, please remember to check the school website regularly for important updates, curriculum information, and details of how you can get involved in your child’s learning journey. Strong partnerships between school and home make a real difference, and we greatly value your support.

We are excited about the year ahead and cannot wait to see all that our Year 4 children will achieve.

Best wishes,

Mr Vanstone, Mr Wrigley & Miss Tara