Sutton Bonington Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you have all had a fantastic summer holiday.

Hopefully, most children and parents already know me from teaching the class on Wednesdays last year. However, for those who do not, my name is Miss Phillips, and I am delighted to be teaching Year 4 this year.

Year 4 is an exciting year filled with new learning opportunities, challenges and experiences. We have lots of engaging topics planned. As a parent myself, I understand that the start of a new school year can sometimes be a worrying time for some children. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss your child's needs, no matter how small you feel the concern may be.

Topic

This term, our main topic will be 'How Are Parts of the United Kingdom Connected?' This geography-based topic will allow us to use maps and compasses, learn about the tropics, and explore significant features of the UK. More information can be found in our Topic Knowledge Organiser, which is available on our class page on the school website.

Science

Two areas will be covered this term.

In **'Teeth and the Digestive System'**, children will explore the main parts of the human digestive system, starting with the mouth and teeth. They will identify different types of teeth and their functions, link this learning to animals' diets, and construct food chains to show the flow of energy.

After half term, children will learn about **'States of Matter'**. In this unit, they will investigate the properties of solids, liquids and gases, including the processes of melting, boiling, condensation and evaporation.

Things to Remember:

Water Bottles and Break-time Snacks

Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle to school each day for use in the classroom. Children may also bring a fruit-based snack to enjoy at break time.

PE Days

PE days for the Autumn 1 term will be **Wednesdays and Thursdays**. Please ensure children come to school wearing the correct PE kit and appropriate footwear on both days. All items should be clearly labelled.

Forest School

Our Forest School sessions will begin after the October half-term break. Further information will be sent out closer to the time.

Reading Books

All children will have a school reading book appropriate for their age and stage.

Regular reading is one of the most important ways to support your child's learning. Please aim to hear your child read regularly and record this in their reading record. Children should bring their reading book and reading record to school every day.

Homework

Each half term, a homework grid will be sent home and uploaded to the school website. This will include spellings, topic-related activities, and opportunities to practise maths using DoodleMaths and Times Tables Rock Stars.

Log in details will remain the same as last year for existing pupils. Details will be shared with any children joining the class this year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me, either in person or via the school office email (office@suttonbonington.notts.sch.uk). Working together helps us ensure that every child has a happy and successful year.

Thank you for your support. I am looking forward to a fantastic year of learning with your children.

Best wishes,

Miss Phillips