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Year 4, Blue Class – Autumn Term Newsletter 2025

Dear Parents/carers,

We have had a lovely start to Year 4! The children have come in with so much enthusiasm for learning and fantastic attitudes towards their lessons.

Teachers

This year the class teacher will be Lily Charnock. Supporting the class we will have Sophia Jacques-Mowat (Mon, Thurs, Fri), Caroline Milton (Tues, Wed) and Milo (Thurs pm). On Thursday afternoons the children will also have a PE lesson taught by Chris from CW Sports Coaching.

Curriculum

Children in Year 4 will be studying all subjects in the national curriculum. We have started the year by looking at how we can 'settle into learn' through our PSHCE unit and will be looking at 'showing kindness' after half-term. In our History topic we will be looking at 'Romans in Britain' whilst in Geography we will be focusing on our map and atlas skills through our topic of Europe and the Alps. The **medium-term overview** provides more details about the English, Maths, and Science focus areas for this term.

Routines

In Year 4, we will be visiting the library on a Tuesday afternoon to change our reading books. This year instead of a reading record we will be using a yellow reading diary. In this the children will record the date they have read, the book and then a word or phrase they particularly liked when reading. Children need to read daily and are expected to do 40 minutes of homework throughout the week. Our homework will be set on a Friday and will be collected in on a Wednesday. The homework will be set in their books and if a homework requires any links I will always be sure to set them on our class google drive or use a QR code that can be scanned. All the children are set up on the google drive with their school emails. If you wish for your email to be added as a parental email please let me know during open classroom or send an email to admin.

Times Tables

In Year 4, learning our times tables is a big priority as these key facts form a basis of most future maths. We will be doing lots of practice at school in class but continuing this practice at home will be amazing for the children's progress. Using Times Tables Rock Stars is an easy way to get this quick practice in but could also look like games with siblings, flash cards etc.

PE

Our PE slot this Year will be a Thursday. The children will need to come to school wearing their PE Kit with hair appropriately tied back and trainers on. The children should wear the school PE kit as specified on our website (www.camp.herts.sch.uk) along with their green Camp School jumper or cardigan. Please note that football shirts are not part of the school uniform and cannot be worn at school for PE lessons.

Swimming will take place for Year 4 on Monday afternoons. In their kit they must have an appropriate costume/trunks, a swimming hat, goggles and a towel. It might be worth adding in an extra pair of socks as they're often the piece of uniform that gets the soggiest! This year we will be walking to swimming at Nuffield rain or shine so it is important children arrive at school dressed appropriately for the weather. In winter, this will definitely mean a hat to cover their wet hair on the way back. We find that swimming makes the children very hungry so we do have a digestive biscuit on return.

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Reminders:

Please ensure your child is sent to school with a named water bottle daily, this is to only contain water.

Healthy snacks can be brought to school such as fruit, cheese and cereal bars to be eaten at playtime.

For children who have a packed lunch, the rubbish will come home for recycling so parents can see what children have eaten each day.

In general, in terms of any food being brought into school it **must not contain nuts or sesame** as some children in our school have a severe allergy so please check the labels of products carefully.

Children are allowed to wear simple, stud earrings but they should not be wearing any jewellery including earrings on PE days.

Finally, could you make sure your child is sent to school in appropriate clothing and footwear for the weather so that children can thoroughly enjoy play without being too cold or wet!

Key Dates:

17th September 2025 - Open classroom 3:25-4pm

9th October 2025 - Year 4 class assembly at 9.15am

22nd & 23rd October 2025 - Parent consultations

25th Oct - 31st November 2025 - Half term

5th November 2025 - Photographer in school

18th December 2025 - Christmas dinner

19th December 2025 - End of term

If you have any questions/concerns the best time to contact us in person is **after school** once we have dismissed the class. If you have a message before school, a written note sent in with your child or a message to the office is best!

Best Wishes,
Miss Charnock and the Year 4 team