



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely break over the summer and managed to have a rest and recharge, ready for a new academic year and the start of Year 4. I would like start by saying how well the children have settled into Year 4, they have shown super listening skills and worked incredibly hard throughout the first week. They should be very proud of themselves!

Our topic this term is Planet Earth! During this topic we will be learning all about climates and the world around us. From creating detailed sketches in art; to understanding how living things are classified; to exploring the biomes of our planet, the children will be immersed in learning about our beautiful world and how to be Stewards of the Earth.

As you know, reading is a huge priority for the whole school. Reading is the gateway to all learning and every day, at the end of the day, we will be prioritising reading. The class book this term that I will be reading to the class is:

- The Night We Got Stuck in a Story- Ben Miller

If you would like to buy a copy for your child or borrow one from the library, that would be great - the children love to follow along.

One of the key challenges in Year 4 is the times tables check in June. The children will be required to answer 25 questions and have 6 seconds to do so. In preparation for this, we will be practicing lots of strategies to help the children with test technique and multiplication fluency. However, regular practise of times tables at home really makes a difference so please take as many opportunities as possible for your child to practice. www.mathsframe.com is a free resource we use in school that can help them develop the skills they need for this check.

Just a few reminders for the term ahead:

- Children should be reading at home at least 5 times a week
- PE this term is on a **Thursday and Friday** and children should come into school in their PE kits. After half term, PE will be on a **Tuesday and Friday**
- Please ensure that children are in the correct PE kit
- The children should bring in a piece of veg/fruit for their snack for break time and water in their bottles
- Homework should be submitted on a Thursday via Teams
- Spellings and homework will be set every Friday on Teams
- Spellings should be practised at home

Thank you for your support with the children's learning. If you have any questions or matters you wish to discuss, please do catch me on the playground at pick up or email the Admin Team admin@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk with the header FAO Miss Keightley.

I am looking forward to being your children's class teacher this year and for the exciting year we have ahead!

Kind regards,

Miss Keightley ☺