



# Believe ~ Learn ~ Grow

## Autumn Term 1



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Class 4 Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome to Year 4! We hope you have all had an enjoyable Summer and are as excited as we are about being back at school under more normal circumstances. Along with this letter, you will also receive a copy of this term's topic web, which provides an outline of the teaching and learning experiences for the Autumn Term.

The children have settled well on their return to School and adapting to new teachers and routines, a new learning environment and expectations. We will continue supporting the children through all of these new experiences and helping them with their transition into Class 4.

### Topic:

During Term 1, we will be involved in a whole school "Creation" topic based upon the Creation story from Genesis. The topic will be introduced through the book "Here We Are," by Oliver Jeffers. Throughout the term we will be using a range of books to help us to explore one day of the creation story in greater detail each week. These include The Big Book of the Blue, The Tin Forest, What a Waste and Ocean Meets Sky. We will become scientists, geographers, artists and writers throughout this topic as we investigate all of the wonderful things our world has to offer and what we can do to protect our planet.

### Reading:

The children will be bringing home reading books over the next couple of days once they have settled back and we have established which level each child is reading at after the summer break. As reading is the key to accessing the rest of the curriculum, it is important that all children read regularly and this is recorded in their reading records. Please date and sign the reading record and feel free to write a comment. To further support your child's understanding it would be useful to ask questions, make predictions, check vocabulary understanding and encourage discussion about what they have read. Please keep your child's reading record and reading book in their book bag and bring it into school every day. In the centre of your child's reading record you can find word lists for year group expectations. You can support your child's learning at home by making sure they can read and spell all of the Year 3 words initially and then continue with the Year 4 list.

### Home Learning:

Pick 'n' Mix home learning will be starting the week of 13<sup>th</sup> September. On this grid, there is a range of homework activities based on English, Maths and Topic. There may also be '2 Do' activities for children to complete on Purple Mash. If children have completed a piece of home learning, they need to bring it into school on a Friday so this can be shared with their peers.

As well as Pick and Mix Home Learning, we also have spellings, reading and times table practice. This is compulsory to complete once a week. Spellings will be handed out on a Monday and will be tested on the Friday with the test recorded in the back of the spelling book. The first set of spellings will be handed out on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September. The best spellers are those who practise every day!

### Multiplication Tables Check:

The multiplication tables check (MTC) is statutory for primary schools in the 2021/22 academic year. The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. The children will be tested in June on all of the times tables up to 12 x 12 using a device to input their answers. We will have a termly focus on a particular times table and also practise inputting on the device to enable the children to have the best possible chance when taking the check.

### PE:

In addition to the daily 'Golden Mile', the children will have P.E. on **Wednesdays and Fridays**. If your child wears earrings, these will need to be either removed for P.E. days or medical tape can be kept in their P.E. bag for your child to cover them up (the children will be responsible for applying and removing the tape). Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school every day, in case bad weather changes the planned days for PE. The children should have a white t-shirt, green shorts, socks and trainers. It would also be useful for your child to have jogging bottoms (green or black) for the colder months. Any children with long hair must always have their hair tied back.

### Values:

In Term 1 we will be learning all about "Generosity".

Giving something we value to someone else  
Encouraging the best in each other  
Never selfish  
Enjoying helping others  
Raising support for a good cause  
Offering what we can  
Sharing our time and talents  
Inviting someone to join in  
Taking care of God's creation for future generations  
You first, me last.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office on [admin@lydiardmillicentceps.org](mailto:admin@lydiardmillicentceps.org)

Thank you in advance for your support.

Class 4 team.

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