

31<sup>st</sup> August 2016

Dear Parents

### Welcome to Park House English School

We would like to welcome you and your child to Year 4.

The school bell will ring each morning at 7.35am, so please do try to be on time. Please ensure your child wears his/her school uniform every day (including his/her hat/cap) and uses the Park House P.E. bag and Book bag. Please make sure all belongings are clearly named.

Children should have the following:

- Writing pencils and coloured pencils
- Eraser and a sharpener
- 30cm ruler
- Scissors and a glue stick
- Set of five plastic files to hold A4 sheets
- Set of felt tip pens
- A white board marker (non-permanent)
- All work books will be sent home to be covered in sticky back plastic

### Reading

Reading is the key to learning. Children are expected to read every evening and parents should sign the pink book to show this has been done. They should read the school colour-coded reading book as well as a Library book. They should read for pleasure and to acquire information.

### Homework

Homework will be given to your child each evening and we will expect it to be completed and handed in the next day. This is part of our training programme, so please support us by signing in the homework notebook that the given tasks are completed.

### General

We are here to educate your child to the best of our ability. The best progress is made when there is a 3-way partnership (teacher-parent-child) and we shall endeavour to maintain this relationship.

### English

The children will work from a range of resources at word, sentence and text level. The University of Cambridge scheme of work covers spelling strategies, conventions and rules; grammatical awareness and both reading and writing. Time will also be set aside for group reading, handwriting and drama.

### Mathematics

The children will be divided into three sets according to their ability they will use the Cambridge Primary Mathematics scheme of work to develop mathematical language, numeracy skills and mental arithmetic strategies. They will learn to apply the four rules using numbers up to and beyond 1000. Children will work with 2D and 3D shape and standard units of measure. A Mymaths and Investigation topic is set each week and the student has the week to complete the lesson and do the test.

### Science

**Term 1** Moving and Growing    **Term 2** Keeping Things Warm    **Term 3** Friction

### IPC

**Term 1** Different Places, Different Lives    **Term 2** Inventions and Machines    **Term 3** Dinosaurs

### Information Technology

Work will be completed at an appropriate level on the following:

- General technological awareness
- Keyboard skills
- Paint, draw & graphics
- Word-processing
- Multi Media
- CD-ROM
- Control (Logo)
- Spreadsheets (Excel)

### Art

This work will be linked to topics. The children will also practise observational drawings and experiment with a variety of materials.

### P.E.

The children will continue to develop and improve their skills in a range of physical education activities. In swimming they will work to improve their technique, fitness levels and water confidence.

We hope your child will have a happy, progressive year in Park House.

We thank you for your co-operation.

**Park House English School**

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