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## Welcome To Year 4

This is just a brief note to extend a very warm welcome to you all at the start of the new academic year in our Zebra and Shark classes. We would like to share some of our routines and areas of learning for the coming weeks. In Year 4 we learn about Hinduism, Christianity, Electricity, States of Matter, Henry VIII and the Reformation, 1066, How to live sustainably.....

We are really excited about the year ahead and look forward to working with you in the education of your child.

### Curriculum

As you may know, at Warden House we block our subjects throughout the year, instead of having a specific topic each term. However, our Maths plan will continue to follow the White Rose program and our English will be based on set pieces of literature. This term we will be reading two class books: 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes; and 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman.

### P.E

Our P.E. days are:

TUESDAY - Indoor PE

THURSDAY - Outdoor Games

Your child will need a Warden House Team colour T-shirt & navy or black shorts, Trainers & navy or black tracksuit or similar for cold weather.

### Homework

Our homework will consist of daily reading, weekly spellings (sent home on Friday and tested on the following Friday) and a weekly times table practice – the times table of the week will be written at the top of the spelling sheet sent home with your child.

In Year 4, the children will sit a government multiplication check in June that will test their rapid recall of all of their times tables up to 12 x 12. Your support in practicing these at home would be gratefully appreciated. Timetable Rockstars is a great website that we ask all children to use to develop their multiplication knowledge. Your child's log in for this is in their Reading Record.

Please support your child with their reading each day and ensure that their reading record is signed and dated each time. This is important as it enables us to monitor your child's reading and ensure they are making progress. Even more able readers benefit from reading aloud to an adult from time to time as this helps really develop their understanding of punctuation and meaning.



### Just a Reminder

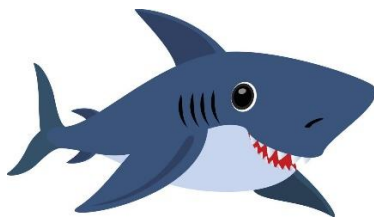
Please provide a named water bottle for your child everyday and ensure that all loose clothing and personal belongings are clearly labelled. Please also provide a fruit snack for your child for break time.

We look forward to getting to know you all in the days and weeks ahead and to working with you and your child throughout the year. We hope the students will have lots of irresistible new learning to share with you in the months ahead!

We wish your child every success in Year 4. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you ever have any queries or concerns.

Kind Regards

**Mrs Glinn  
(Sharks Class)**



**Miss Mann and Mrs McDonald  
(Zebras Class)**

