

Kea Community Primary School

Thursday 10th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 4. The children have settled really well back in to school and we have been impressed with their attitude to learning.

Our first topic is 'Tudors and Stuarts' and we have lots of exciting things planned for this term. Do have a look at our class page on the website for more information and for pictures of our work.

In Year 4 there is a big focus on learning all of our times tables up to 12x12 and we will be practising them daily. In July, just like all children in Year 4 across the country, we will take part in a multiplication assessment and we are therefore supporting the children to feel prepared for this. We've started by going over the 2s, 5s and 10s which the children became familiar with in Year 2 and then we will recap the 4s and 8s which are a focus in Year 3 before moving on to the rest. On our class page of the school website there are links to online games which you might like to do regularly at home.

Being awarded your pen-licence is a much anticipated 'rite of passage' for children in Year 4. The children are already making considerable efforts with their joined writing. Pen-licences will be awarded to all Year 4s in the spring term. The font used for this letter shows the handwriting style which we teach.

Regularly hearing your children read at home is still really important. We have asked the children to put their book and reading record back in their bag after reading at home so that they remember to bring it to school each day. In Year 4 the children receive certificates for reading at home. The first certificate is awarded for 50 reads.

Our PE will be on Mondays and Thursdays. Children in Years 3 to 6 can come in to school in their PE kit on their PE days (or wear their school uniform and just change their shoes). On PE days they can wear their usual Kea School jumper/cardigan or a Kea School PE hoodie. They may like to wear black or grey jogging bottoms or leggings rather than shorts on colder days.

Please do contact me if there is anything worrying or concerning you or your child. It is a privilege to teach your child and I am looking forward to seeing them grow and learn in the year ahead.

Yours sincerely, Mrs Sheryl Baker Year 4 Class Teacher