**Year 4 Autumn Newsletter 2019**

Dear Parents/Guardians, May we take this opportunity to welcome you all back to St. Mary’s after what we hope was a very restful summer holiday. We hope, like us, that you are looking forward to a new year with fresh challenges and adventures.

**Reading:** Please ensure that your child reads every night with you in order to develop fluency. Evidence shows that good readers are also good spellers and good writers. Reading records are provided for date, book and comments to be added by you or your child. Please encourage your child to fill in their records daily. Also, it would greatly benefit the children if you could spend a little time talking about the text and asking questions to encourage your child to really think about what they have read. This will greatly help their comprehension skills. Try to make a reading an enjoyable experience so that children develop and love and passion for reading.

# Importance of this term

We intend the Autumn Term to run smoothly for the children by ensuring they have time to establish routines, meet expectations with confidence and enable them to establish positive attitudes in their learning. A close relationship and support from home is very helpful in doing so and will allow for your child to meet and exceed targets which have been set.

# Topic and Curriculum

Enclosed with this newsletter is the autumn overview displaying the curriculum coverage for this term. Our Humanities topic is ‘Ancient Greece’ while our Science topics will be ‘Electricity’ and ‘States of matter’. French will be taught weekly by Mrs. Ramdarshan.

**Thinking skills, habits of mind & thinking maps** The children will continue to use the Edward de Bono thinking hats, Habits of Mind and Thinking Maps in their everyday lessons to help structure and organise their thinking and ideas.

 Classroom Environment

Throughout the year, Mrs Vuksanaj will be the teaching assistant who will work alongside the class teacher to support our children’s learning. Mrs Ramdarshun will be supporting individuals and groups from both classes where needed.

**Reminders to Students**

* Fill your water bottles daily and have them in class.
* Have your reading book and reading record with you **EVERY DAY.**

**Main Class Rules**

* Keep hands, feet and objects to ourselves
* Show good manners and consideration to everyone at all times
* Be responsible for own behaviour
* Follow instructions the first time

**THE MOST IMPORTANT WORD IN OUR CLASS IS RESPECT!**

**REMINDER TO PARENTS**

PLEASE send in a box of tissues for the children to use in the class.

**Weekly programme**

**Monday:** Homework must be brought in to be marked together as a class

**Tuesday:** PE kit required for St.Paul and St. Peter.

**Tuesday:** Homework given out. Homework Club **( If your child has been given a place please ensure that they are regular attenders as the numbers are limited).**

**Finally** We thoroughly look forward to teaching your child this year and hope that Year 4 will prove to be stimulating and enjoyable for all.

If you have any concerns over the year please do not hesitate in contacting us by making an appointment via the office.

Your support throughout the year is very much appreciated and we look forward to meeting you at the parent evening and to having a successful year with your child.

Kind regards

Ms Joseph and Miss Soto - Year 4 teachers