Welcome to Year 4

– RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – RELATIONSHIPS – RESILIENCE –

The Y4 Team:

Mrs Dodd-Hemingway(Class teacher, Thornthwaite)
Mrs Corbett (Class teacher, Blencathra)
Mrs S.Wilkinson (TA)

Some lessons will be taught by a PPA teacher.

PE Timetable:

Pupils in Y4 will have PE on Wednesday and Friday. They should come to school in their correct PE kit and trainers on these days.

Class Dojo:

Y4 staff will use Class Dojo to communicate key messages or important reminders with you. These will appear in the 'class story' section of Dojo. We hope this will help parents and carers keep informed about what is happening in school.

Homework in Y4:

Homework is an important way of practising skills learnt in school. Please support your child to complete the following:

- 10 minutes a day reading together.
- Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) for 3 to 4 minutes, five times a week.
- Tasks from the termly Homework sheet.

Topics we will cover:

Our planned curriculum is broad, balanced and planned to spark interests and curiosity in your children. Here is a brief overview of the topics we will cover this year:

Term:	Topics:
Autumn	• Roman Britain and the Roman Empire • Living things and their habitats • Sound • Climates and Rainforest • Netball and Tag Rugby • Fitness and Gymnastics • William Morris • Cooking and nutrition
Spring	• The Tudors • States of Matter • Animals including humans • Coasts • Henri Rousseau • Mechanisms • Hockey and Cricket • Dance and Gymnastics
Summer	• Anglo-Saxons and Scots • Electricity • Baden Württemberg and The Lake District • Georgia O'Keefe • Electrical systems and computing • Rounders and Athletics • Handball and Yoga

Y4 Residential:

Year 4 go on a one night residential to Castle Head in Grange-over-Sands. This visit supports our geography and PSHE units for the summer term. More information and costings will follow in the Autumn term.

Key texts we will study in Literacy this year:

These are the books we will use to inspire our writing learning this year. We encourage you to borrow these from the local library and enjoy them at home when they are being studied too.

'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl
'Flotsam' by David Wiesner
'So you think you've got it bad'
'The Firework maker's daughter' by Philip Pullman
'The one and only Ivan' by Katherine Applegate
'Beowulf' Michael Morpurgo
'The Iron Woman' by Ted Hughes
'People need people' by Benjamin Zephaniah

Other important reminders:

School day timings:

"Be at the door by 8:54"

- School opens from 8:45am for staggered entry. Registers are taken promptly at 8:55am.
- Any child arriving after 8:55am is late and will need to enter school via the main school office.
- Please make sure you send your child in with a coat every day.
- The school day ends at 3:15pm.

Family involvement in school life:

We are delighted if parents/grandparents would like to help and be involved in classroom activities. If you are able to offer your time, please see your child's class teacher. Help with reading and supporting on class visits are always appreciated.

School uniform:

Please label all clothing with your child's name. We have dozens of items of unnamed uniform lost each month across school.
Our agreed school uniform can be found on our school website: Heron Hill Primary School - Uniform

To promote recycling and re-using uniform, Friends of Heron Hill manage a pre-loved uniform swap. Items are free but you can choose to make a small donation (which goes towards funding school visits and special events for our pupils). FOHH holds a termly uniform stall but you can also request items by emailing admin@heronhill.cumbria.sch.uk If we have uniform items in stock, we will be delighted to pass them on. If you have uniform items which are in good condition but too small for your child, please donate them to the uniform swap.

Reports and parents' evenings:

There are 2 compulsory parent consultation evenings: one in October, another in March. Written reports are issued in July and reflect your child's achievements for the whole year. An optional parent consultation is offered after reports, if required.

Snacks:

All year groups have a morning break each day. This is an ideal time to snack on **fruit, veg sticks, cheese or a healthy snack such as mini rice cakes** to give children a little energy boost until lunchtime. Crisps, sweets and chocolate bars are not permitted.
Nuts are also not allowed due to severe allergies in school.

Water bottles:

All pupils need a named water bottle in school every day. This must not contain juice or squash and should contain water only. Pupils will be encouraged to stay hydrated through the school day as this is good for their brain health and concentration.

Lunchtime:

Our catering provider TNS provide a high-quality range of hot school meals daily for the price of £3.25 per meal. The latest menu is visible on the SCOPay platform which is also where you can place orders.

If preferred, a packed lunch can be provided by home. This must contain a balanced meal and not include large quantities of high-sugar products. Nuts and peanuts are not permitted in school under any circumstances. Please check lunchbox items to ensure they do not contain nuts/peanuts.