



ENTHUSIASM – EFFORT – EXCELLENCE

# OCKLYNGE JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Y4 Children/ Parents/Guardians

September 2017

Welcome back to the school! We hope you have all had a great summer holidays and are raring to go! We have a very exciting 2017/18 planned with lots going on.

I am the head of year 4 (as well as being the Deputy Head) and I'm very much looking forward to working with your children and getting to know you in the terms ahead. I always encourage parents to contact me with any questions or worries as they arise. You may contact me by email [dentons@ocklynge.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:dentons@ocklynge.e-sussex.sch.uk) or via the office.

In Terms 1 and 2 our topic is 'India' and much of our work is linked to this, although some subjects are still taught separately. Below are some details.

**English** – Our learning will be based around the texts 'Tiger Child' and 'Monsoon', linked to our India topic. In term 2, our text will be 'Dindy and the Elephant'.

**Maths** – We will be teaching children place value, the four rules, fractions, decimals, shape and space, handling data and time. Alongside this the children will have regular mental maths learning and problem solving. We will be using practical equipment in all aspects of maths teaching.

**Science** – Electricity. We will be investigating circuits and looking at keeping safe. Sound. We will be exploring how sound travels and conducting a number of experiments.

**I.C.T.** – Using spreadsheets and e-safety.

**Geography** – A Journey through India. Mapwork, climate and weather forecasting, schools, rivers, farming, industry, village and city life.

**Art** – India designs, exploring fabrics and pictures, batik painting.

**Design and Technology** – Designing and making packaging for Indian food then making it!

**P.S.H.E.** – understanding the media and internet, people in other places in the world, school council and circle time.

**P.E.** – 'Winter Games' (hockey, netball, football, rugby) swimming in Term 2, gymnastics and Bollywood dancing and team building.

**Music** – Exploring rhythm and melody in Indian music, composing using the pentatonic scale, Christmas songs.

**Spanish** – family, numbers, colours, school, animals, sports, food and Christmas.



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## Hinduism and Bollywood Dance

In October we will be learning and performing a Bollywood dance (with the help of Charlotte Jailley, a local talented specialist!) Alongside this, the children will be learning about Hinduism and looking at the culture and stories that surround this religion. We will shortly be sending more details about this. However for those parents who have work or other commitments and need notice, we intend to perform to parents on the afternoon of the Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

## Home Learning

There will be a variety of tasks, which will be set on a weekly basis. The children will have all the information in their home learning diary or stuck into their homework book, but if you have any queries, please contact your child's class teacher.

Your child will be given a new school home learning diary in which to record their homework and regular reading. These have not yet arrived, so in the meantime, please could you ensure that your child records their reading on the reading record paper, which will be sent home with the weekly homework task. They do not need to fill in all of the boxes, but should complete at least 3 each week. Please can you sign this each week to confirm that you have observed your child's reading and completing of their homework.

## Spellings

Your child's spellings for Term 1 will be sent home shortly. Please ensure your child learns these spellings and the rules underpinning them. Some of them will have common spelling patterns but others will be irregular.

## Sport Timetable

Below is the sport timetable for the year group. Please ensure that your child's P.E. kit is in school at all times. Please also ensure that they have well-fitting trainers for outdoor PE and a tracksuit or leggings and a jumper/hoodie, as well as shorts and a t-shirt for indoor PE.

Day	Indoor. P.E.	Outdoor Games
MONDAY	4C, 4D	
TUESDAY	4N	All Year 4
WEDNESDAY		
THURSDAY	4EL, 4B	
FRIDAY	4LR	

Finally if you have any spare time and would like to come and help in your child's class you would be very welcome. Also, if you have expertise in any of the areas we are looking at in school and can share them with us that would be very much appreciated too! Please contact your child's class teacher if you are able to help in any way.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Denton and the Y4 team



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