

Dear parents and carers

Welcome to Year 4 at Warren Park! We would like to start by thanking you for your kind support. It has been wonderful to welcome all of our children back into school. We have been so very impressed with just how well they have settled back into school life and the positivity with which they have approached their learning so far. As we begin Year 4, we wanted to update you with some key information.

P.E. Days

Please make sure that your child is sent into school **wearing** their PE kit on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. This will limit the amount of kit in school and maximise learning time for the children.

On PE days, we kindly ask that you ensure that your child wear their normal Warren Park polo shirt and jumper or cardigan with either shorts or tracksuit bottoms (blue, grey or black preferred if possible). We would ask that children do not wear jeans on PE days and that they avoid wearing a football kit as well. PE lessons will be held outside wherever possible so your child should wear their trainers rather than school shoes.

Please remember that your child will remain in this kit throughout the day.

Earrings should not be worn to school on PE days. If they are newly pierced then you should send your child in with surgical tape covering them. We only allow small stud earrings in school at any time and sleepers or dangly earrings are not permitted for health and safety reasons.

Reading

We are delighted that the children can bring reading books home again. Your child will bring a reading book home every evening and we would ask that you read with your child as often as possible. We ask the children to **read at home a minimum of four times per week** and **hand their Reading Record in at school every morning**.

Over the coming days, your child will bring home their new Home Reading Record for the year. These Home Reading Records have been professionally designed and printed and we are sure you'll agree that they look fantastic. We kindly ask that these Home Reading Records are carefully looked after – along with the reading book that they will accompany. The school has made a huge investment into reading books again this year and we ask you to value the books at home as much as we do in school.

Please be assured that we will be working hard to make sure the children begin on a suitable book band colour, especially to encourage fluency and confidence. These bands will be under regular review so don't be surprised if they seem to move quite quickly through the colours this term!

Times Tables

The children will also receive a Times Tables Record. This is to be used by you and your child to record their Tables practise and it also contains some ideas in it about how you can best support them at home. We would encourage children to practice their Tables a minimum of 4 times per week and to ensure that they bring their record in every day so that we can record and celebrate their progress.

Year 4 Multiplication Check

During the Summer term, the children will sit the Year 4 Multiplication Check. The MTC is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times tables questions. In July, your child will answer 3 practice questions before moving on to the official check and will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete. We will be working incredibly hard over the year to engage the children in a huge variety of multiplication challenges and activities and we would be extremely grateful if you could encourage and challenge the children as much as possible at home.

During Year 4, we will send a range of booklets and times tables activities home but will also offer additional challenges on **Education City** and **Times Table Rock Star** which are both accessible online through your child's Wonde login. www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check is also a fantastic website to check out.

COSMIC

In Year 4, our COSMIC time will be on Wednesday morning.

We are here to help!

We were delighted to see the children settle back into school brilliantly this week and we are really excited to explore all the interesting aspects of Year 4 life at Warren Park over the coming year. If you have any questions about your child's progress or any other aspect of their time in Year 4, please do not hesitate to come and see us and we will be more than happy to help with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support.

Year 4 Team