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Dear Year 4 Families,

We're pleased that the children have settled so well into their new Year 4 classes and are demonstrating lots of positive attitudes to learning.

We hope you'll find this letter a useful source of information for the year.

Who are the adults in our team?

In our Ash Class Team, the teacher is: Miss Hutchings and the TAs are: Miss Walton and Mrs Joy (who will be working across both Year 4 classes).

What are morning and end of school routines?

Our school gates are open from 8.30am and children can come onto the playground where school adults will be supervising. The bell will ring at 8.45am and the children will line up to wait for their teacher in a line outside of the cloakroom area door. If it is raining, the entrance doors to our cloakroom area or classrooms will be open from 8.30am and the children will come straight into school where their class teacher will supervise them.

At the end of the day, at 3.15pm, children being collected will exit out of their classroom door. Children who attend FTFT Club will go to the hall to for registration.

What equipment/kit will children need and on which day(s) of the week?

Please try to name all property to help us avoid lost items and ensure property can be returned to the owner promptly. Children are welcome to bring in pencil cases to school with their own stationery, if this is not possible, school will provide all necessary equipment.

Our PE days for term 1 are Tuesday and Friday (PE days will be updated each term on the class pages of the website); PE kit needs to be worn on these days (including warm layers for winter). Our PE kit consists of a plain white t-shirt/polo shirt, navy or black shorts/joggers and a navy zip up or sweatshirt.



What are the current homework expectations?

Homework books are sent out on Friday and are expected back the following Thursday. A weekly homework sheet will be uploaded to Teams and paper copies available in the classroom, children are encouraged to collect their own.

- Read as much and as widely as possible and record, where they can, at the back of their homework book. Recording is helpful for adults as it helps us to develop a reading dialogue with children and offer book recommendations.
- Practise their times tables in a range of ways (Hit the Button, TT Rockstars, Dice/Card Games, Chanting).
- Complete spelling practice; there are two lists for children to choose from and the phoneme they will be focusing on in school will be included on the homework sheet. Please ask the class teacher if unsure of which list to choose.
- Project homework – each term children will be given suggestions of what they can produce linking to the current project. Children are welcome to choose or create their own idea. This will be given out on the first week of each term.
- We warmly welcome any additional child-led learning from home – if children want to share their knowledge from an out of school visit, have been inspired to research or create sometimes or they have some special news such as a sporting achievement, we would love them celebrate with them.

Protocol for parents contacting teachers

We have an open-door policy at school so if you have any questions or concerns, please do come and find the class teacher; ideally, we'd hope to have time to talk with you straight away, however if this is not possible, the teacher will help to find a mutually convenient time as soon as possible.

Equally, please send an email to the office (office.2578@fir-tree.oxon.sch.uk) who will forward it onto the class teacher. Alternatively, you can go onto Ash Class webpage on the website and use the contact form which will go directly to the teacher. As per previous communication, you should expect to receive a response within 72 hours.

Class section of the website

On our class pages of the website - <https://www.fir-tree-juniors.org/class-pages/> - you'll find a range of information about our learning and achievements. Copies of our timetables are there, as are our project learning overviews for the term. In addition, we showcase our fantastic learning and progress across the year so please check-in regularly to see what we've been up to.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm wishes,

Delyth Hutchings (Class Teacher)