

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone enjoyed the festive break. As we return to Year 4, the daily routine remains the same with children arriving at the school gate between 8:45am – 8:55am with a drink of water, snack, packed lunch (school meal available to be booked), book bag and coat which will all be stored in areas of the cloakroom and classroom. Lunches can be booked up to 8am on the morning of each day. Children who are not going home on the bus will be collected from the school gate at 3:30pm. Any changes to collection must be communicated to our admin team so registers and staff members can be informed.

Our PE days for this half term will be **Tuesday** and **Friday**. The children may continue to attend school in their PE kit on these days, as well as if they have a sports after school club. PE kit consists of black tracksuit bottoms/shorts, white t-shirt and navy PE hoodie. The children may wear black trainers every day as we will regularly make use of our running track. Children should be wearing their full school uniform on other days, more information can be found here: <https://www.winkleigh.devon.sch.uk/winkleigh/parent-information/uniform>

Once the children arrive in class, they will store their belongings before beginning their morning task. This will be followed by guided reading, handwriting, maths, spelling and English sessions before lunch. The rest of the curriculum will take place in the afternoon. This involves History, Geography, PSHE, Science, PE, Music, Art, Design & Technology, Spanish and Computing. Subject information pages can be found on the Year 4 page of our website. More information about our curriculum aims and mission statements can be found here: <https://www.winkleigh.devon.sch.uk/page/?title=Our+Curriculum+in+Detail&pid=191>

At the start and end of the day, please ensure that you use the pavement and supervise children carefully as we have buses arriving and departing. Children should not be playing on the grass bank or in the staff car parking area.

The children will continue to have a school reading book with the expectation of engaging daily in school and at home. This can also be books from home or a free choice of books read in school as a group or independently. Our class spellings will be sent home each half term and a weekly spelling check will take place on a Wednesday. We will also continue our weekly Around the World check on a Friday. Additionally, Times Table Rockstars (TTRS), Rollama and Letter-join will be accessed in school and can be used at home to improve multiplication facts and handwriting legibility.

We appreciate your continuing support with fundraising as this enables us to significantly reduce the cost of trips and visits, which are important for bringing learning to life for children. There will be opportunities to interact with your child's learning and sporting achievements across the term. During this term, we will be visiting the Energy for Waste Plant in Plymouth linking with our geography sequence of natural resources and sustainability targets. More details will follow in a separate letter closer to the time.

We are pleased to continue to be able to offer wraparound care. Our Early Birds club runs from 07.45-08.45 offering the option of breakfast. Our All Sorts club runs from 15.30-18.00. Both of these can be booked via the gateway and offer a variety of activities through the week to engage all children.

Safeguarding is of paramount importance. Our designated safeguarding lead is Mrs V Fenemore, deputies are Mr W Slocombe and Mrs D Rowcliffe in the event that you have any concerns please contact them through admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk Please refer to the e-Safety pages on our website should you require further information regarding the use of the internet. There is a copy of our safe usage policy as well as a sheet for parents with lots of useful information on it.

If you have any questions about anything regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please email admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk and we will try to get a reply within 48 hours. If you require an appointment with a teacher via telephone or in person, please email admin on the above address to arrange a suitable time.

Kind regards,

Mr Walter