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Dear Children and Parents in Year 4 from September 2023,

Children in Key Stage 2 (KS2) are expected to be more independent and to take ownership of their learning and belongings.

In addition, here is some key information about routines and expectations in Year 4:

- 1) WATER-BOTTLE: It is important that children keep hydrated and drink water regularly through the day. Please provide your child with a water-bottle and ensure this is clearly named and only ever filled with water.
- **2) LEARNING PACK:** We will provide your child with a learning pack containing a pencil, glue stick, scissors, ruler, whiteboard and pen and a green pen which they will keep at school. Please discourage your child from bringing in a pencil case as these are expensive and occupy too much space in chair bags.
- **3) FRUIT:** We strongly recommend that children in KS2 children bring a piece of fruit from home for a midmorning snack. This should be stored in their chair bag to be eaten outside at playtime.

4) HOME LEARNING:

Creative Task - These tasks are set half termly.

Spellings - The children will bring home a set of 15 words, these words will be sent home on a Thursday and the children will have two weeks to work on them before taking part in a 'low-stakes' test in class where we will also look at the other words that they have gathered.

Reading - The children are expected to read regularly and record their reading in their planners which need to be signed by an adult weekly.

Maths - TTRS battles.

More detailed information about home learning will be provided at the start of the Autumn Term.

- 5) PE KIT: The children are expected to wear their full PE kit to school on PE days.
- **6) PLANNER:** We will provide all pupils with a planner that can be used to keep track of their reading and home learning. Parents can also pass messages to the teachers via the planner, but as the teachers do not check the planners daily, the child must make the teacher aware if there is a message to be read.
- **7) BACKPACK:** All children in KS2 are permitted to bring a Langshott backpack to school; they no longer need to bring a book bag. The backpacks can be purchased from the uniform supplier www.onlineschooluniform.co.uk. Other bags are not allowed in school.
- 8) CHAIR BAG: As children in KS2 are expected to be responsible for their own belongings, we are encouraging all children to have a chair bag, as shown in the picture. The chair bag they have used in Year 3 will move up with them to Year 4 and continue to provide an excellent way for keeping their desk space free from clutter. If your child does not currently have a chair bag or you feel theirs needs replacing, they can be purchased via Scopay at a price of £11.25.
- **9) DROP-OFF:** Year 4 pupils enter their classroom via the main KS2 building door.

From your Teachers – Mrs Lane, Mrs Felstead and Miss Faulkner

We are really looking forward to all of the exciting things coming up next year. We will study the Greeks and the Romans, rivers, go swimming and of course learn a lot through our very exciting trip to JUNIPER HALL! Taking part in a residential is a life changing experience. At Juniper Hall, your resilience, reciprocity, responsibility and resourcefulness will be developed and tested (and that's just to make your bed!). There will be lots of stories to share when we get back and you will get to celebrate your adventures through an amazing assembly.

This year, we will expect you to be more independent and responsible. Remember, bringing in your planner and your home learning is YOUR job. Please make sure that you have read the advice above and you have everything you need in school every day.

Until then, if you have any questions, please feel free to email info@langshott.surrey.sch.uk or speak to a member of the Leadership team. Have a wonderful Summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you again in September for a fantastic year together.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 4 Team