Welcome to Year Four.

I hope you had a good Summer holiday and are ready to settle in quickly to the challenges of Year Four. I am delighted to be teaching you. Year Four is a great year to be in as we get extra learning opportunities, such as brass and swimming.

RE

Families and the family of Jesus is our first topic. Make sure you know the names of all of your relatives and how to spell them! You will lead Acts of Worship in class in small groups.

Maths

This year we will be busy learning lots, building on earlier learning and expanding into new learning. We begin with place value and then move on to addition and subtraction including 4 digit numbers. We also get the multiplication test in June. All of you need to know all of your times tables (up to and including 12 x 12) and division facts within 3 seconds orally and 5 seconds on the computer. Make sure you use Times Table Rockstars as much as possible – a minimum of once a week. Start now! We will have an Olympic style multiplication mat reward and targets in our classroom so we improve.

English

Reading diaries are to be filled in by you and by your parents at least twice a week. Bring your books everyday as I may want to hear you read or discuss your book with you. Reading books will be changed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. When we read in class we will focus on getting to know new words by breakdown and repair. Our dictionary skills will improve this year and this will help our comprehension.

In writing, we will use Rainbow grammar to help, expand our answers so we give our thoughts and explanations more and write in a range of genres such as diaries, stories and poems. Our first focus is legends, where we will be reading Robin Hood and then writing our own adventure, followed by some nonfiction about children who worked down mines. This will lead into writing diary entries. We shall conclude the term with Greek myths.

Science

In Science Teeth and the Digestion system is our topic. Please start collecting some food labels which show how much sugar, salt etc is in food. We shall be doing research, learning and fair testing.

PE

Monday is PE day with Mr Bourne leading the lessons at 8.55 and Thursday it is fitness with Claire.

Come to school in your PE kit: red SMC T-shirt, black shorts and black tracksuit and trainers.

Swimming – Swimming is paid for by school and takes place at Southglade Leisure Centre on a Tuesday morning. Children are expected to swim 25 metres by the time they go to secondary school. If you want your child to wear swimming goggles, please write and sign a letter giving your consent. The goggles will be their responsibility. I will let your parents know how you do just before Christmas. Some of you might want to put swimming lessons on your Christmas list. No earrings for swimming.

Geography

The Change in Use of Land around Nottingham is our topic. If you have older relatives or friends who have lived in or around Nottingham for many years, they will be a great help to ask and answer questions. In class we shall study maps and find information about old and modern Nottingham(shire). This will link with our English texts. I will

Music – A brass teacher comes every two weeks to teach us a brass instrument. You get to read music, develop rhythm and play a cornet, trumpet or baritone. Hopefully, we will get to play in an orchestral setting in the Summer term with other schools.

RPHSE – Our first focus is what is a friend and building positive friendships. This is bound to get our year off to a great start.

Spanish – Mr Dixon teaches this throughout Key Stage Two (Years 3-6). We are learning items in the classroom first. This is on Thursdays.

Computing –Coding is the first topic and this is followed by Internet Safety which is increasingly important these days.

Art – Sketching using charcoal.

I hope you are as happy and excited as I am to be in Year 4. I like a quiet working noise, people trying their best and our class working as a team, supporting and encouraging each other. We can do some things and others not as yet and that is why we are always learning. We try to do better and never give up.

Homework will be set on Thursdays and collected in the following Wednesday. Multiplication tests will be on Tuesdays. Spelling tests will be on Wednesdays.

Welcome to a great year. Any questions, please ask me. Mrs Hunka.