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Welcome to Year 4 Coast Class

I hope you're all enjoying a lovely summer break. My name is Mr Napier, and I'm delighted to introduce myself as the new teacher for Coast Class this coming school year. I'm excited to be joining the school and to have the opportunity to work with your children. As we prepare for the start of the new term, I wanted to take a moment to reach out and say hello. I'm looking forward to meeting the pupils and getting to know each of them, as well as working together with you throughout the year to support their learning and growth.

Staff - I'll be the main teacher for Year 4, teaching the class throughout the year. In Autumn 1, your children will have PE with Mr. Westhorpe on Monday afternoons, Art with Mrs. Munn, and Forest Schools with Mrs. Gates on Tuesday afternoons. Our class will also have support from our brilliant teaching assistants, Mrs. Harris and Mr. McCarty.

Early morning routine - The children will come straight into the classroom at 8.25. From here, the children will organise their things, put their bags in the cloakroom and then come into the classroom. After this, the children will settle down to their places and read their books (or completing an activity that is on the TV). While they are either doing this independently, or reading to another adult, we will take the register.

Fruit - Your child can bring a piece of fruit/snack for their morning break time.

Drinks - Each child will need to bring in a named water bottle to drink throughout the day. It can get very hot in the Key Stage 2 classes so a drink will always be available. Water bottles will be easily accessible in the classroom and the children will be given lots of opportunities to have a drink throughout the day, however I will ask for them not to be on the class tables during lessons, but rather they be stored on the side, to ensure that great work does not accidentally become spoiled.

Lunchboxes - These will be stored in a box in the cupboard.

End of the day - The school day finishes at 3.05 p.m. I'll lead the children out, and they'll wait with me until their adult arrives to collect them from the back gate.

Uniform - Please check regularly that all clothing is clearly labelled, especially jumpers and coats, including PE kits. It's also a good idea to ensure your child has a hat for hot weather and a coat for cold or wet days, as we aim to get the children outside every day, even in light rain.

P.E. and Forest Schools - PE lessons will be on Monday afternoons and Wednesday mornings. To maximise our time and avoid unnecessary changing, please have your child come to school in their PE kit on these days. As the weather cools, please ensure they have jogging bottoms and a sports jumper. I have a small amount of spare kit, but if a child forgets their kit, they'll have to do some work during the PE lesson instead. Forest Schools is on Tuesday afternoons in Autumn 1. As the weather gets colder, waterproofs and wellies are a good idea. We'll keep them in the cloakroom so the children can grab them before heading out if needed.

Homework - Reading - Reading is incredibly important for your child's development, so it's our top homework priority. We've got a well-stocked library with a variety of genres and texts for your child to take home. In class, we have Horrible Histories magazines and unique books for quiet reading time. I don't mind if your child prefers fiction, non-fiction, magazines, or newspapers - the key is that they're reading daily. Each child will have a reading record, and it's helpful if you can jot down when you read with them. I'll do the same to keep you in the loop. I'll be checking reading progress every Friday, and Dojos will be awarded for well-presented reading logs and consistent reading.

Spelling – Spelling lists will be tailored to what the class needs, whether it's a specific sound, prefix/suffix, or common exception words. The spelling list will include various ways to practise, catering to different learning styles. Spelling tests will be on Fridays, and I'll let you know how your child has done via Dojo.

Topic - At the start of each term, your child will receive a sheet with different project ideas based on our topic. Each project uses different skills and appeals to various interests. Pupils can complete as many as they like throughout the term, and we'll celebrate their efforts in class. I'll expect each child to complete at least one project per term. If needed, I can provide extra time during lunch to help them complete these.

Class Dojo - This is our go-to for rewarding pupils electronically. The message system (accessible via computer or app) helps keep the communication lines open between us. I'll send out class or individual messages to update you on positive behaviour or work during the week. You can also message me if you have any questions or concerns. You'll be able to see your child's points total and why they've earned them. I'll also be posting photos and videos regularly so you can see what your child is up to in school. Don't forget to check the app often! Your child can also use their login to personalise their avatar, which they'll see in class.

Thanks so much for taking the time to read this. Please remember, if you have any concerns or worries about your child during the year, don't hesitate to come and see me after school. I'm here to help and would much rather address any issues early on. I also try to respond quickly to messages on Class Dojo, so feel free to reach out there too. I'm really looking forward to working with you and your child this year. It's going to be a great one!

Kind regards,

Mr Napier

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