

### Hello and Welcome to the Autumn term

Welcome to Year 4. We are delighted to welcome you all back to school after a challenging year and are looking forward to getting to know you all throughout the next academic year. We have an exciting term ahead with a stimulating and creative curriculum planned.

### Update on the Curriculum

#### 'Here We Are'

We started our term with our whole school text – Here We Are by Oliver Jeffers. We have read the book and have been thinking all about our world and who is in it. This has helped us to think about friendships and working together as a class.

#### Reading

Children should continue to read at home daily. Please ask your child questions about what they are reading and encourage them to talk about their books to make sure they are improving their understanding and comprehension skills.

#### English

We will be looking at Varmints by Helen Ward and Tar Beach by Faith Ringgold. We will be looking closely at the idea of story-telling, underlying themes and exploring key literary strategies and vocabulary to improve our writing.

#### Maths

The children will recap the objectives from the previous year to ensure any missed learning is secure. Children will hone their skills in Place Value; the four operations as well as measurement and position. Our Maths lessons this term will focus on place value and number skills. The children will be learning to count accurately, compare and order numbers up to 4 digits, and to think about 10, 100 and 1000 more and less than a given number. We will also begin looking into addition and subtraction using numbers with up to 4 digits.

#### IPC

This Autumn term we will be covering topics such as The Generation Game (Looking into how and why we age and how to stay fit and healthy) and Fashion (Looking into fashion over periods of time and our making own designs).

### Our Core Values

At Paxton, our eight Core Values weave a thread across all aspects of school life and provide us with a common language which binds us together and creates articulate, confident leaders of tomorrow.

**Resilience** – we are determined to succeed. We never give up.

**Excellence** – we strive to reach our potential and are committed to excellence.

**Success** – we value achievement and celebrate success

**Pride** – we take pride in everything we do.

**Equality** – we are all valued members of our community. Everyone is treated fairly.

**Care** – we look after our community, showing we care through our words and actions

**Teamwork** – we work as a team because together we achieve more.

### Work, Rest and Play

- Arrive on time (8.45am) and have a good night's sleep!
- Please arrive in your P.E kit (we cannot change in the classrooms) on **Tuesdays (Indoor) and Fridays (Outdoor)**
- Please always bring a labelled water bottle

### The move

On **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, Paxton will be closed to children**, as the staff move to Paxton, London Road.

**Please note:** Children in Year 4 will enter the building through the main entrance on London Road

### Change to the INSET Day:

The Inset day which was planned for Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October has moved to **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021**.

**Half-term: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October.**

Please remember to send your child into school with a labelled bottle of water to keep hydrated during lesson

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Handwriting + Reading	Handwriting + Reading	Handwriting + Reading	Handwriting + Reading	Handwriting + Reading
Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
English	English	English	English	Science
IPC	Maths	IPC	Spanish	English
IPC	PE (Indoor)	Music	RE / PSHE	PE (Outdoor)