

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Year 3 Hazel and Iroko classes,

I am **Miss Evans**, your new teacher, and I am very pleased to say **Miss Heffernan** will be with us supporting.

A little about your new class: in **Year 4 Juniper** I like everyone to treat each other with respect; show kindness and compassion; work to understand differences and generally just be a team. You have been at the junior school for a year now and have a good understanding of how things work and our expectations for behaviour. However, there are some things you wouldn't have been able to do such as a class assembly in the juniors, or a school trip but hopefully this will all be possible next year and I am looking forward to being there with you on this adventure!

I know Year 4 can seem daunting but Miss Heffernan and I will start the year gently. I bet you won't even realise you're doing Year 4 work until next summer! If you do have any questions or worries, Miss Heffernan and I are here. We promise to push you and challenge you, but we are here to support you too. We are both very experienced and will do whatever we can to get you ready for the upper key stage. Just remember to communicate with us if you don't understand or if you have a problem – we're here to help.

Now in Year 4, as I'm sure you know, there is a lot of work to do in readiness for the times table test in 2022. In Year 4, we will do all we can to help you prepare for this but ask that you keep practising at home. Obviously, as you go into the next year group there is always a higher expectation on the amount of work you complete. This is dependent on your skill level so don't compare our expectations of you with others' but be prepared to take feedback and learn how to improve the work you have done. Remember that we are all learning, all the time – even us teachers! Think of learning as a journey and every lesson is a step along the way. Sometimes we might get lost... or we might even find a shortcut! But we will endeavour to have fun along the way together.

Of course, some things stay the same such as reading and homework. You need to read every day, even just for a few minutes as multiple studies have proved the benefit children receive by doing it. We have a new reading scheme with brand new books so you can't possibly be bored and have nothing good to read! Homework is given out weekly and if you are ever unsure about something, again, please ask.

Some of the topics we look at in Year 4 History include the Ancient Egyptians, Roman Britain and Crime and Punishment, which sounds like a really exciting topic. In geography, we study America, Water Cycles, Earthquakes and Volcanoes. In science we deepen our knowledge of sound and how the digestive system works, and hopefully have lots of fun with inspiring practical experiments and investigations.

If you'd like to say hello and write us a message to tell us a bit about yourself, you can ask a parent to help you send us an email on [aspenclass@harefieldjunior.com](mailto:aspenclass@harefieldjunior.com)

We hope you are looking forward to coming into Year 4 as much as we are. See you in September!

