

## Academy Status

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are all extremely excited to welcome everyone back to school. We hope that your child has enjoyed settling in to Year 4 and seeing their friends again.

### Our Year 4 teaching team this year will be:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning – Mrs Burton.

Thursday afternoon – Miss Guy (PPA Cover).

Friday – Mrs Sheppard.

We will also be supported in class by Miss Guy, Mrs Rees and Mrs Sugar.



### Topics

We have an exciting term ahead of us. Our history topic is **Ancient Egypt – What was the significance of the pyramids?** Our Science topic is **States of Matter** where children will be investigating solids, liquids and gasses. Knowledge organisers will be sent home detailing some important information about these units along with some key vocabulary. Please ensure these are kept somewhere prominent at home so that children can refer to them regularly.



### PE kit



PE will take place on Wednesdays and Fridays. However, please ensure that your child has their correct school **PE kit in school every day** in case we change our timetable for any reason. Please also ensure that all PE kit still fits and is **clearly labelled**. The children will need shorts, house t-shirt and pumps or trainers which fit. As the weather turns cooler, please ensure that your child has appropriate tracksuit trousers and a navy sweatshirt (not their normal school jumper).

### Homework

Homework in Year 4 consists of times tables, spellings and daily reading.

**Times Tables-** Children are expected to use Times Tables Rockstars four times per week, for four minutes.

**Spellings** – These will be set on a Monday and tested on Friday. The spelling/handwriting practice sheets will be sent home for children to practise daily and should be returned to school the following Friday.



**Reading** – Children will all have a new reading diary and should bring home a book every day. It is essential that children **read to an adult at least four times per week** and that you encourage discussion of the text. Adults should record what has been read and comment accordingly. We will check reading records regularly to monitor reading progress and will award house points to recognise your child's effort.

The **Online Oxford Reading Buddy system** is strongly encouraged – passwords will be in their new reading diary. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. [burtonk@christchurch-chelt.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:burtonk@christchurch-chelt.gloucs.sch.uk) and [sheppard@christchurch-chelt.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:sheppard@christchurch-chelt.gloucs.sch.uk)

Best wishes,

*Mrs Burton and Mrs Sheppard*