



# Queensgate Foundation Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

We hope you have all had a restful summer and are ready for Year 4!

Our topic this half term is called 'Food Factory' and is based around our class reading book of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', by Roald Dahl. Our topic work will be focusing on farming on the Isle of Wight and looking at which different food items are produced here. In Science we will be finding out how our teeth and digestive systems work. Out and About, which will be on Wednesdays, will incorporate trips to local farms. During D.T the children will be making their own chocolate bars and packaging as well as taking a trip to a fudge shop in Cowes! Please see the Topic Overview for more information.

Both classes will be having PE or Games sessions on Monday and Friday so children will be expected to wear their Queensgate PE kit to school on those days. This should consist of pale blue PE top, navy blue shorts, a Queensgate school jumper, socks and trainers. (Navy leggings and tracksuit bottoms will be encouraged in cooler weather). Please ensure that all items are labelled- especially school jumpers- as they have a tendency to go missing!

We will be sending homework booklets home on Friday with a page to complete each week. These do not need to be returned as they will be tested in school. English homework will focus on spelling and reading, Maths will usually be centred around times tables, as it is a government expectation that Year 4 pupils know all of the multiplication facts up to 12 x 12 by the end of the year. They will sit a formal times tables assessment at the end of year 4.

Reading at home is strongly encouraged. Please hear your child read as often as possible. We will send books home, but if your child prefers to read their own books, magazines or comics to you instead, please still fill it in their yellow book- all reading is rewarded! Each time your child reads outside of school they will earn themselves a ticket for the book raffle. Please remind your child to bring books that need changing back into school in their book bags as soon as possible!

If you have any questions or concerns, we will be available at home time or can be reached out of teaching hours on our email addresses below. We will endeavour to respond as soon as possible however if you have urgent information, please inform the main office. Do keep us informed of anything that may be affecting your child's mental or physical health so that we can ensure they have the support they need, we will inform you of any concerns that we may have.

[4bm@queensgateprimary.co.uk](mailto:4bm@queensgateprimary.co.uk) to contact Miss Mawudoku

[4mc@queensgateprimary.co.uk](mailto:4mc@queensgateprimary.co.uk) to contact Miss Croutear

We hope this will be an exciting year for your child, we look forward to getting to know them and making lots of progress together!

Yours sincerely,

The Year 4 Team

Miss Croutear, Miss Mawudoku, Mrs Bradbury, Mrs Piner, Miss Lovett, Mrs Spragg