



St Matthew's
Westminster

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be teaching the Year 3 and 4 composite class this year! I hope you have had a lovely summer holiday and are ready for an exciting new school year. I know that this year comes with some changes, but I am confident that we will have a wonderful, positive and successful year.

The children will be doing PE on **Tuesday and Friday**. Please ensure your child **comes to school in their full PE kit**- they will stay in this all day. PE uniform includes: navy shorts or tracksuit bottoms, a plain white PE t-shirt and plimsolls or trainers.

Homework will take the form of a journal that will be given out every **Wednesday**, and will be **due in** on the following **Monday**. Homework will include English, Maths and foundation subject activities linked to the learning your child has been doing in school. They should also be practising times table facts and spellings every evening. We greatly appreciate the role of parents and carers in supporting your child through homework.

One of my favourite quotes is, "Reading gives us some place to go when we have to stay where we are." Reading for pleasure is an essential skill and lifelong gift. Your child will be given a reading record to **fill out daily and bring into class to be checked**. Children can select books from our class library to take home. Please ensure that any borrowed books are returned. Please listen to your child read and ask them questions about what they have read to check their understanding. Developing strong, healthy reading habits now will be enormously beneficial for your child throughout their lives. If you would like any help or ideas in ways you can support your child with their reading and other areas of learning at home, please speak to either Ms Green or me.

Moving into Key Stage 2 and into a composite class can be a big change for both children and parents. We are always here to offer support and guidance when required. Please listen to how your child is doing with their return to school and let me know if any concerns arise.

I am dedicated to helping your child progress throughout the year and to become an independent and responsible learner. My expectations for your children are high, but my focus is also on your child's wellbeing and happiness.

I'm looking forward to a wonderful year! If you need to talk to me for any reason, please email the school office and I will arrange a time to speak with you.

Best wishes

Miss Holly Schow
Year 3 & 4 Class Teacher