



# 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 Mondays, 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 Tuesday 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. (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 books on Monday with work to complete each week. It will need to be completed and returned by the following Thursday. 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 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 with dojos! 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, please see us at home time when you collect your child. If you have urgent information at other times, 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.

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