

# Welcome to Canterbury

With Mrs Ramsden and Mrs Heath



## Welcome to Year 4!

I hope you all had a lovely Summer and are ready for the exciting year ahead on your return to school. Hopefully, this leaflet will provide you with some key information.

### **A little bit about me...**

I live in Hawkinge and moved there from Dymchurch after I married Lee, 25 years ago! We have 4 boys together, 3 of which are adults. Our youngest will turn 15 this month and will go into Year 10 at Brockhill. We have 3 dogs, which keeps us very busy and active.

I have worked in schools for 14 years. I started as a parent reader, then I trained to become a teaching assistant. I went to Canterbury Christchurch University to become a HLTA, where I found my true passion for learning. So, I continued my studies to complete my degree in Childhood Studies to then become a teacher.

Please feel free to talk to or message me about anything, either at the end of the day - on the playground, by phone or on Class Dojo.

It is important to me that the children enjoy their time at school and they feel at ease so that they can achieve their full potential and make memories that last a lifetime.

I am looking forward to the year ahead.

### **CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS**

Come to school ready to learn

Always try your best

Listen when someone else is speaking

Help others

Show respect towards others

Take pride in your work and presentation

Most importantly, have fun!

**CLASSROOM**  
expectations



## TIMES TABLES



We will be learning and practicing times tables every week. Learning these at home regularly would be of huge benefit. There is an expectation that TT Rockstars is regularly used every week in preparation for the statutory Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables check in the Summer of 2023.

These will be tested every Friday.

## HOMEWORK



There is a termly homework grid and weekly English/maths sticker. Children need to complete at least 4 pieces each term as well as pass three AR tests to receive Golden Time. This can be submitted via Dojo or homework book.

## SPELLINGS



A weekly list will be sent home with words tested every Friday.

## READING EXPECTATIONS

### Guided Reading



Your child will have a Guided Reading book which will remain in school and be read daily. Children will answer daily comprehension questions using this book.

### **Accelerated Reader (<https://ukhosted59.renlearn.co.uk/1892799/>)**

Your child will have a personal reading book of a particular level from the library that they are expected to read for enjoyment. This level is based on your child's reading age according to a Star reading test that they will take every term on our Accelerated reader programme. It is vital that when they finish a book, they take a quiz on it to check the accuracy of their understanding before choosing a new book to read. Children will have daily access to the school library. As parents, you can sign up to Home Connect to monitor your child's Accelerated Reader progress. More information will be sent home about Accelerated Reader and how to register for Home Connect in the coming weeks so look out for that!

## Music



Children will be having guitar lessons this

## WATER BOTTLE



Children need a water bottle every day.

## PE



Our PE day will be **Wednesday every week**. Please make sure your child comes to school dressed in their PE kit on these days. Please make sure earrings are removed at home if children are unable to do so themselves.

## SWIMMING

This year we will be swimming every **Tuesday at 9:15 for 10 weeks**, starting on the 13th September until the 30th November. Please bring in costume, towel and goggles on this day in a suitable named bag. We will be swimming at Ashford school.

