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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to teaching your child in Year 4 next year and thought we would do a little introduction to answer some of the questions that you might have.

In Year 4:

- We have a big focus on **Times Tables (up to 12 x 12)**.
- We have a big focus on **neat, joined handwriting with good presentation**.
- We ask the children to **read (and answer questions about the text they have read)** and to do some **tables work 5 times a week** as a part of their homework.
- We will be **swimming every Friday** afternoon, walking to and from Lonsdale Swimming Pool and returning by the end of the day.

If you wanted to do anything to help your child over the summer then these might be a good starting point. If your child has never been to a swimming pool before then they might like to go and have a session before we start in September.

For the swimming, it is a requirement of the National Curriculum that by the end of Key Stage 2 (age 11), pupils should be taught to:

- * swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- * use a range of strokes effectively (for example, front crawl, backstroke and breast-stroke)
- * perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

The swimming pool requires that children are provided with:

- * **a bathing suit for girls (no bikinis) or swimming trunks /shorts for boys (not below the knee),**
- * **a swimming hat**
- * **goggles** may be worn if your child wants them and can put them on without assistance.
- * **a towel.**
- * **a waterproof coat to be in school every Friday**

The children need to be able to **get themselves changed and in a limited time frame**. We would be grateful if you could practise **getting in and out of their kit independently**. Unfortunately, the swimming pool are not permitted to loan any equipment so children must bring their own.

We will be sending a **consent form** home for the swimming in the first week back and would be grateful if you could complete it and send it back ASAP.

Kind regards,

Miss Florey, Miss Hammond and Miss Pearson

Headteacher: Zoe Cannon