

Dear Year 4 parents/carers,

A warm welcome back and we hope everyone had an enjoyable summer break. We are excited to start this new academic year and hope you and your child enjoys the year ahead with us at Darlinghurst Academy.

Our year group leader in year four is Mr Sykes. Teaching staff are Mrs Richards, Mrs Cooke, Mrs Lee and Miss McCrory. Our support staff are Mrs Desmond, Mrs Fairbanks and Mrs Blyth. We would like to welcome new children to the year group: Kaila, Aimee and Benjamin.

We start the year off with our topic 'How do I see? How do I see?' Learning all about light and sound, and how the eye and ear work, within our connected curriculum. Our curriculum overviews map out the coverage in detail, which can be found on the website <http://www.darlinghurst.uk/curriculum/connected-curriculum> please take a look. One of the highlights of this topic will be a wow moment where we will create our own 'Stomp performance' using homemade instruments. This wow moment will further support and enrich the learning within our topic this term.

As part of the broad and balanced curriculum, we will have daily maths, writing and reading/phonics lessons, including discrete sessions on mental maths, times tables, grammar, spelling and handwriting. Specialist sessions PE, Drama, Art and Outdoor Learning are built into our broad and balanced curriculum and we ensure that all of our children have access to specialist provision. PE days will be on Tuesday.

**However, children should have their kit in school every day;** this should consist of plimsolls or trainers, a school logo blue t-shirt, school logo black shorts, school logo blue jogging bottoms and jumper. **Please ensure that all items in the kit are clearly labelled. Earrings must not be worn on days when your child has P.E. Shoulder/long hair needs to be tied up for P.E. sessions.**

Children in Year 4 will have weekly lessons in Spanish and children will have many opportunities to practice basic Spanish phrases on a regular basis – please ask them to share their new learning with you.

You can follow our learning via News and Views, twitter and the website.

We recognise the importance of home learning and encourage all children to practise their times tables, spellings and reading at home frequently in order to develop and rehearse core skills. Homework will be set on a Wednesday and is due in on Monday.

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher or year group leader via the office, email ([mrsykes@darlinghurst.co.uk](mailto:mrsykes@darlinghurst.co.uk)) or in person.

We look forward to a wonderful and exciting year ahead.

Kind regards  
The Year 4 Team