

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 4. The children have had a highly successful first year at Amherst School and we are really looking forward to working with them in September. This letter provides a few reminders about equipment as well as some information about the upcoming Summer Reading Challenge. More detailed information will follow at the start of the academic year. If you have any questions about transition from Year 3 into Year 4, please do not hesitate to contact your child's new teacher before the end of term.

There will be a 'Meet the Teacher' event on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 4.45pm, during which we will share key information and you will have the opportunity to see your child's classroom and chat to their teacher. If you have any questions or queries which you would like to raise with your child's class teacher, please do not hesitate to contact the school office so that we can arrange an appointment.

### Class Based Equipment

- A pencil case containing:
  - HB pencils
  - Coloured pencils
  - Coloured fineliners
  - Sharpener
  - Scissors
  - Clear 30cm ruler (non-flexible and preferably with cm and mm)
  - Rubber (please avoid novelty/scented rubbers)
  - Black dry wipe pens
  - Glue sticks (please ensure these are replaced when they run out)
- A dictionary and thesaurus



Stationery packs are available from the school at a cost of £12.00 (Retail price +/-£16.00). These can be bought via [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com).

### Games and Swimming Kit

We will inform you about which day your child has Games and Swimming in September and which clothing/equipment will be required.

- Amherst or plain navy t-shirt and shorts
- White socks
- Trainers (in wet weather, clean trainers or plimsoles for indoor sports)
- Football or hockey boots (soft studs), shin pads and knee-high football socks
- Navy blue school sweatshirt or Team Amherst hoodie (please order via <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta> by Friday 21/07/2023) and navy-blue jogging trousers for cold weather.
- Navy blue jogging trousers for cold weather (optional)
- Towel, Swimming trunks (not loose fitting) or one-piece swimming costume, swimming hat and goggles (optional)

**PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE CLEARLY NAMED**

### Holiday Homework

We strongly encourage all children to continue reading regularly during the summer holidays, enjoying books both independently and together as a family. For our homework we are inviting children to get involved in this year's Summer Reading Challenge, a national initiative which aims to encourage children to keep up a reading habit during the break from school. Developed in partnership with the leading creative arts charity *Create*, this year's Challenge aims to "fire up children's imaginations and unleash storytelling and creativity through the power of reading." Children can sign up on the website [www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk) or at a local library, and you can watch an introductory video by clicking [here](#). We look forward to hearing how the children get on with this challenge.



We hope you all have a lovely relaxing holiday and we look forward to seeing you and the children in September.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S. Clarke Miss J. Foinette/Mrs T. Siddorns Mrs L. Thomas