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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was brilliant to work with the children during the Transition Day, when the new Year 4 teachers were finally revealed. There was a mixture of excitement and shock, but hopefully they are all looking forward to their next year at Park Hill as much as we are. Having met with the Year 3 teachers, and knowing the children so well anyway, we know what an outstanding year they have had in Year 3, and look forward to this continuing next year.

Miss Nickerson will have responsibility for 4N, with Mrs Mercer and myself sharing responsibility for 4BM (Mrs Mercer will teach Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, with Mrs Bailey teaching Thursday and Friday). We will be supported by Miss Tatham, Mrs Mould, and Miss Court, who will be moving to Year 4 from Upper School. As with all aspects of school life, we will very much work as a team to provide the best opportunities we can for your child, and we are really looking forward to working with such a talented and hard-working group of children.

Communication between home and school is very important, and we have an open-door policy when it comes to any questions you may have; we are always happy to help. Before the end of this academic year, you will receive a Class Dojo invitation to be part of the new Year 4 classes, so feel free to ask any questions you may have before September. We appreciate that many parents are at work either side of the school day, so we will continue to check Class Dojo if you wish to get in contact with us, or we will be available before or after school.

We know how much the children have enjoyed reading this year, and we want this to continue into next year. Reading is so important and provides the foundation for all aspects of the curriculum. Therefore, we would like to set a 'New to Year 4 Reading Challenge' to undertake over the summer holidays. The children have to complete as many of the challenges as possible. There will be 20 Housepoints for completing the challenge, with an extra 5 Housepoints available for 'proof' that you have done them - this could be photographs, book reviews, drawings of the main character or scene... be as creative as you can! Please be as involved as possible in completing the challenge with your child.

Our new topic 'Inventors and Creators' will begin with us looking at the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age, so if the children could start to build their knowledge base about this they will have a distinct advantage in September.

In English, we are going to be using 'How to Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell, so if the children could have their own copy that would be brilliant.

We hope you are all as excited as we are about next year, but if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Have a great summer break, and we look forward to welcoming the children in September.

Yours sincerely, Mrs Bailey and the Year 4 staff



Can you beat our reading challenge?



Reading for Readathon? Anything goes... but if you're looking for a challenge, how many of these can you say you've read:

1 A newspaper, magazine or comic

There'll be lots in your local library - pick one up that you've never tried before, it might surprise you!

2 Read with your ears!

Listen to a podcast, audiobook or ask your mum to read to you. You're never too old for a bedtime story!

3 Brilliant biographies!

Think of someone you admire and read their story. From Michelle Obama to David Attenborough - there's no shortage of inspiration!

4 Every song tells a story

Read the lyrics to your favourite song, then sing it!

5 Read it before you see it!

Check out upcoming film releases and challenge yourself to read the book first. It might bring out your inner Spielberg!

6 Going for gold!

Love sport? Read the sports pages of a newspaper or seek out the life story of your sporting hero.

7 Poems, please!

If you're looking for a quick reading fix, why not try a poem or six!

8 Old favourites

Re-read a favourite book from your younger years. Ours include *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson and *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen.

9 Top Trumps!

Challenge your best mate to a classic game of Top Trumps - you could even have a go at making your own!

10 And a classic is born...

Find a book published in the year you were born and give it a read.

11 An award-winner!

Take a look at the shortlists for a reading award like Oscar's Book Prize or the Carnegie Award - and see if you agree with the judges!

12 A trip of a lifetime!

Where would you love to visit? Use travel brochures and guides, the internet and atlases to find out more about your dream destination.

13 It's the way you tell 'em!

Read a joke book and test out your favourites on friends and family.

14 Family favourites!

What did your parents or grandparents enjoy reading when they were your age? Maybe you could both read it at the same time.

15 Read it, then eat it!

Find a cookery book or look online and be inspired by the recipes. Bake it, and enjoy the results over another good book.

16 'To be or not to be?'

Read a playscript - from Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew* to J.K. Rowling's *Fantastic Beasts* original screenplay - it'll bring out the actor in you!

17 Truth is stranger than fiction

So said Mark Twain in 1897. Find fascinating facts in an encyclopaedia or wonder at weird record breakers.

18 Reading rules, ok!

No literally, try reading some rules - dig out the instructions to a game you've never played, and then give the game a go!

And don't stop there... what's your next reading challenge!



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