8th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Lightships! It has been lovely to meet you all this week and I have enjoyed getting to know your children.

This letter contains some important information for the start of the year.

**Book Bags**

Book bags will be checked on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**. They will have two books to take home. One book will be from the Oxford Reading Tree scheme and is matched to your child’s reading stage. The other book is chosen by the children themselves from the book corner. This is to promote reading for pleasure so you may need to assist your child with reading their chosen story. Please ensure that the reading record is signed each time you read with your child. This should be at least three times a week.

**P.E.**

P.E. will take place on **Wednesday afternoon**. Please can you send your child to school in their school uniform with their PE kit in a bag. Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothes (t-shirt and shorts/tracksuit bottoms) and footwear (trainers) on this day.

**Times Tables**

At the end of Year 4, all children are required to do a Times Tables check to ensure they know all their times tables. In Year 3, the children learn the 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables. In Year 4, they learn the rest of the times tables up to 12 x 12. We encourage you to spend time practising the times tables with your child to develop their mathematical fluency.

**Topics**

Below are the topics we will be covering this half term:

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| Maths | Place value,  Addition and subtraction  Shape |
| Literacy | Instructions  Diaries |
| Topic | Urban Area Study |
| Science | The Human Body |
| Computing | Effectively Using Internet Services |
| Art | London architecture |
| German | Describing me and others |

I look forward to working with you and your children this year!

Yours sincerely,

Hannah