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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 4. This is a year of growing independence, responsibility and adventure as children continue their journey through Key Stage 2. Throughout the year, pupils are encouraged to develop confidence in their own abilities, contribute positively to their community and embrace new opportunities both inside and outside the classroom. Our aim is to help every child grow academically, socially and emotionally whilst living out our school values of **Aspire, Care and Succeed**.

As part of our Global Citizen Curriculum, Year 4 pupils continue to develop as active and responsible citizens. Through learning about democracy, relationships, diversity and citizenship, children gain a greater understanding of their role within school and the wider world. Through their Aston Passports, pupils are encouraged to contribute to their community, work collaboratively with others and recognise how their actions can have a positive impact on those around them.

The Year 4 curriculum is enriched through a wide range of memorable experiences designed to bring learning to life. Throughout the year, pupils will explore Anglo-Saxon Britain, investigate space and astronomy, and deepen their understanding of environmental sustainability. Alongside classroom learning, children will enjoy **swimming lessons, Bikeability, outdoor learning opportunities, visits to the Chiltern Open Air Museum and one of the highlights of the year, a zoo visit followed by an overnight stay at school**. These experiences help develop resilience, teamwork and confidence whilst creating lasting memories.

At Aston Clinton School, we are proud to be a **smartphone-free school**. Whilst we teach children to be responsible digital citizens, we also believe that childhood should be filled with opportunities to explore, create, communicate and solve problems beyond a screen. Through our Aston Passports, Outdoor Learning programme and enrichment experiences, children are encouraged to embrace adventure, engage with the natural world and develop practical life skills through real-world experiences.



Our approach to behaviour and personal development is rooted in belonging, relationships and emotional wellbeing. We know that children achieve their best when they feel safe, valued and understood. Throughout the year, pupils continue to develop key life skills through our whole-school personal development themes:

- **Autumn 1:** Aiming High
- **Autumn 2:** Speaking and Listening
- **Spring 1:** Teamwork
- **Spring 2:** Others
- **Summer 1:** Nurture
- **Summer 2:** Changes

These themes help children develop ambition, communication skills, empathy, resilience and self-regulation whilst preparing them for the increasing opportunities and responsibilities of Upper Key Stage 2. During the summer term, we support pupils with the transition to Year 5 through opportunities to reflect on their achievements, celebrate their successes and approach the next stage of their journey with confidence.

Year 4 is a year filled with challenge, adventure and opportunity. Through our Global Citizen Curriculum, Aston Passports, enrichment experiences and strong pastoral support, we aim to help every child grow in confidence and independence whilst developing the skills and character needed for the next stage of their journey. By the end of the year, we want every pupil to have the confidence to **Aspire**, the compassion to **Care** and the determination to **Succeed**.

We look forward to working closely with you throughout the year and sharing the many successes and achievements that lie ahead.

Kind regards,

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