



Welcome to Year 4!

A big, warm welcome to Year 4!!

I hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday and the children are excited to be joining our class. I am thrilled for a nice change and being in Year 4 this year. I have taught in Year 4 previously and we have some excellent topics that we study so I can't wait to get started!!

As a mother myself, I know how important it is to be able to contact your teacher if you have questions or concerns, so please don't hesitate to reach out either via phone or ask for a meeting face to face. I am always more than happy to help!

Year 4 Staff

Mrs Porter (Class Teacher)

This will be my fourth year at our school and I have to say I have thoroughly loved my time at BVPS so far! Before gaining my position here in 2020, I was in another school for a number of years and have lots of experience- particularly in Key Stage 2. In addition to being the Year 4 class teacher, I am the subject leader for Art and Maths within school. I particularly enjoy teaching art and design and it is a passion I often take part in outside of school too! I really believe the children learn more when they are having fun, so I enjoy making lessons memorable- usually with a silly aspect- such as silly dances or songs! (Be prepared for lots of embarrassing stories!)

Miss Blunt (Class Teaching Assistant)

We are so fortunate this year, as Miss Blunt is moving from Year 1 to be in our class full time. Miss Blunt has many years' experience supporting children across all years at Burscough Village Primary School alongside supervising the children during lunchtimes too. She will be supporting in class each day, working with small groups of children and providing one-to-one support. In addition to this, Miss Blunt will be teaching on a Wednesday morning whilst I have PPA time. I have worked with Miss Blunt several times before and feel so lucky to have such a brilliant member of staff supporting me in class this year.

Thursday Mornings

On a Thursday morning, the children will be taught PE by Mrs Logie and Spanish/Music by Mrs Rowlands.

Important Information for Year 4

PE Days

Year 4 pupils will be going swimming for the Autumn half term. This will be on a **Tuesday afternoon**.
Our other PE session will be on **Thursday mornings**.

Pupils should bring their full PE kit and trainers (please see school website for details) at the start of term and leave it in their locker until the end of the half-term.

If at any point PE kits need to go home for cleaning/after-school PE club etc., please ensure that they return to school the next day.

Homework

Homework is a valuable way of enhancing your child's learning outside of the classroom as well as helping them to develop their independence and organisational skills.

Our homework will change this year as we will no longer be using Showbie. Instead, each child will receive a 'homework pack' that will contain their homework for the whole half term.

Year 4 pupils will receive the following homework:

Maths & English - Children will be receiving English and Maths homework but they will alternate each week. So one week they will complete Maths, the week after English. This homework will be given out on a **Friday**, and it will need to be returned for marking before 9am on the following **Wednesday**.

Spellings – Every **Friday** children will receive 8 spellings which they will have to learn ready for a test the following **Friday**. In addition to these 8 spellings, the children will be tested on 2 'unseen' words. These will be spellings they have previously learnt or follow the same spelling patterns. Please ensure children practise their spellings at home- this can be through games or written. There will be ideas inside the homework pack. Alongside this, pupils will work on these spellings during lessons in school.

Reading – Reading really does support the children with so much of their learning. Because of this, pupils should try to read as frequently as possible. Children will have the opportunity to choose books from my own collection in our class library or from our school library. Please enjoy reading these books with your child and ensure they are returned when they are finished.

Whilst most pupils will be reading independently, we still ask that they or yourselves record when they have read in their reading diaries, so we can keep track of how much they are doing at home.

Having taught the children for our transition sessions in June and July, I know they are ready for the next step in their education. I am really excited to get to know them over the next year and for us to work as a team in supporting your children.

Kind regards,

Mrs Porter