



Welcome to Year 4!

We hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday and have had a restful break, ready for an exciting and jam-packed term ahead! The children have settled in well into their new classes and we have loved getting to know them. We have a fantastic new team in Year 4 this year made up of Miss Race (Year Group Lead), Mrs Bower, Miss Farrell and Miss Brownbill as class teachers, and Mrs Hadley, Mrs Swann and Miss Ellison who will be supporting across the four classes. We will also be supported by Mrs Astley who will be covering PPA in the classes this half term, which is very exciting! We are all looking forward to getting started and know we have an exciting year ahead with lots of exciting things going on. We will be going on our Year 4 residential in June, the children will have swimming lessons and they will complete their times tables check at the end of the year. More information will be sent out about all these events. Please do remember, that if you have any concerns or need support with anything, pop in and see us after school or ring the office to make an appointment.

From,

The Year 4 Team

Important Information and Reminders



Reading

Each child will receive a book banded reading book to take home with them with the expectation that children read this at least five times per week at home and record this in their reading records. This then needs to be signed by a parent or guardian at least once per week so that they can be entered into the weekly reading raffle on a Friday!

Homework

Homework will be sent out each week on a Friday and will be due in the following Wednesday. Each week the children will receive Maths homework (Times tables and Maths home learning, alternating from paper homework and homework set on Mathletics), spelling homework (5 spellings per week and a spelling task linked to this week's learning) and English homework (This will alternate between a comprehension and a grammar activity). The children also still have a log in for TT Rockstars and Reading Eggs and we ask that the children use this two times per week at home. If your child struggles with any of the home-learning tasks that are set each week, please feel free to ask us for any help or guidance. We are still running learning club before and after school for children to attend.

PE Kits and Uniform

The children will take part in two PE lessons per week, and they will need to have their PE kit in school at all times. Children must bring their P.E. kit in a drawstring gym bag and have a white t-shirt, blue/black P.E. shorts and black pumps or trainers. If you have any concerns regarding PE kits, please don't hesitate to contact us.

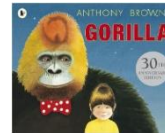
We have been so impressed with how smart the children have looked on their return to school this year and thank you for all your support in ensuring the children have the correct uniform. Please can we just remind all parents that the children need to have a pair of school shoes to wear each day and that trainers should only be worn for PE lessons.



English

Class text: Gorilla by Anthony Browne

The children will be writing their own fantasy story based on the book, Gorilla. They will be building on prior knowledge for writing speech and learning how to use fronted adverbials in their writing.



Class text: Coming to England – Floella Benjamin and Diane Ewen

The children will be writing a recount in the form of a biography on Floella Benjamin. They will have additional writing opportunities throughout, including a writing diary entry.



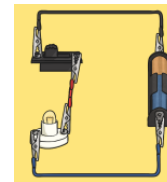
Maths

This half term the children will be exploring the value of 4-digit numbers up to 10,000. They will use their knowledge of the value of each digit to order and compare numbers. Following this, children will learn Roman numerals. Children will move onto addition and subtraction using mental and written methods to solve problems.

We will also continue to develop the children's times tables knowledge in preparation for the times table check at the end of Year 4.

Science

In science, our topic is Electricity. Children will have the opportunity to discuss how to use electricity safely, how to build simple circuits and the difference between electrical conductors and insulators. The children will also develop their working scientifically skills by planning investigations and making observations.



PE

Children will develop their static balance and coordination skills. They will also explore fielding games.

RE - Hinduism

Children will explore the question: What might a Hindu learn through celebrating Diwali?



Design Technology

We will be exploring Electrical Systems and how to make simple circuits and switches.

MFL – French

Children will be recapping greetings and explore life in French schools.

Art

This term the children will be developing their drawing skills and using Giorgio Morandi as inspiration for their art work.



History

Children will learning about Britain's settlement from the Anglo-Saxons and Scots.

Geography

Children will revisit learning of the countries, counties, and regions of the UK. Following this, they will be learning about rivers.



Computing

Children will learn how to stay safe online as well as explore computer networks.

Music

This term, the children will be focusing on Mamma Mia for our unit of work.

PSHE

Children will discuss personal qualities in themselves and explore self-esteem. They will also learn how to manage setbacks and learning from mistakes.