



#### 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 really 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 Mr Cooke (Year Group Lead), Miss Alas, Mrs King and Mrs McGoran as class teachers, and Mrs Hadley and Mrs Swann who will be supporting across the four classes. We are also lucky to have Miss Prince and Miss Keeley who will be covering PPA in the classes this half term. We are all looking forward to getting started and know we have an exciting year ahead with lots of interesting events happening. We will be going on our Year 4 residential in March, a geography field trip (involving canoeing!), and will experience swimming lessons within school for the first time! The children will also complete their times tables check at the end of the year. More information will be sent out about all of these experiences closer to the time. Please do remember, 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.

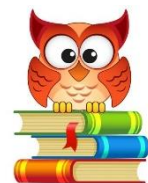
From,

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 week. The children will receive Maths homework (times tables and Maths home learning, alternating from paper homework and Mathletics), spelling homework (5 spellings per week and a spelling investigation) and English homework which will alternate between a reading 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.

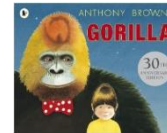
We have been so impressed with how smart the children have looked on their return to school this year and thank you for all your support in ensuring the children have the correct uniform. Please can we just remind all parents that the children need to have a pair of school shoes to wear each day and 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 and learning how to use expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials.



**Diversity text:** The Lost Thing by Shaun Tan

The children will be using this beautifully illustrated book to help build dialogue between characters and improve their descriptive writing.



#### Art

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



#### History

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

#### 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. 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.

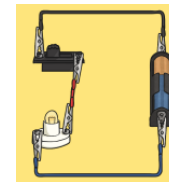
#### Geography

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



#### 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.



#### 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.

#### PE

Children will develop their static balance and coordination skills in a unit based on gymnastics.

#### 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.

#### PSHE

Children will discuss relationships and families and look at building positive relationships within in their own lives.