

## A big, warm welcome to our Year 4 page at Hambleton Primary Academy, here we hope you find everything you need to know about us!

In Year 4 we follow the Key Knowledge and Skills Curriculum which is a very creative approach based on the National Curriculum. This makes sure the children learn and develop skills appropriate for their year group. We will be working hard to develop our existing knowledge and skills as well as learning lots of new and exciting things this year! We cover objectives missed when appropriate through our engaging, creative curriculum.

We ensure every lesson meets the needs of the whole class and endeavour that each child succeeds in their lesson objectives, they love this whole school approach and cannot wait to move up to the next challenge in their learning. Children have lots of opportunities to respond to feedback both verbally and in their books. They are given opportunities during lesson time to edit and improve their own work. They may also be given 'Challenge Time', whereby children are given a linked task that encourages the child to apply their learning. The children also take responsibility for their learning and show their learning journey on their learning objectives.

Year 4 will be learning about a range of topics this year, for example: 'Power to the People', 'Antarctica', 'Roman Invaders' and 'Groovy Greeks'. We provide a broad and engaging curriculum which is based on the children's interests and ways of learning which sees all children achieving the best they can. We ensure lessons are engaging and foster a love for learning. We ensure that books are at the centre of our planning, teaching and learning, and we aim these at the children's age and interests as we foster a love of reading across school. Cross-curricular learning is at the heart of all our topics and we ensure a relevant link is made to all subjects possible. We also guarantee a progression of knowledge skills taught and monitor this to inform future planning.

During this year we will promote the Year 4 child's love of learning, independence and curiosity. We do this through our teaching, but also through our school motto of being 'Happy, Proud and Ambitious' in everything we do. We encourage children to be happy in their work, proud of what they do and make ambitious and brave choices in their learning. We also use the phrase, 'we are never done', in order to support children with becoming independent and resilient learners, who constantly seek challenge.

Throughout the year we will also have Entitlement Experiences to further our skills and understanding of the wider world past the school walls. These will be documented on our school's Facebook page with photos uploaded as and when they happen. They will also show a set of progressive skills from Nursery all the way to Year Six.

In Year 4 we will be working hard all year to solidify our mathematical knowledge. We aim to develop resilient mathematicians with a deep understanding which enables them to reason about what they have learned.

In Year Four, there is a Government set Multiplication Check in the summer term, that checks all times tables are known and learnt fluently. Anything you can do to help that knowledge go in and stay in is fantastic. We have listed some suggestions to support your child:

- 1. Practise regularly and go back and repeat tables, previously practised.
- 2. Sing tables in the car; at mealtimes; before bed; walking the dog; at any spare minute!
  - 3. Put a poster around the house somewhere they'll see it and engage with it.

4. Download and access Times Table Rockstars daily.

Progress is regularly monitored by myself and Mrs Wood, the Headteacher. After discussions with you as the parents, intervention is put in place to support the child as needed. We are inclusive and are always here to support your child's growth and enjoy their learning as well as ensuring they are achieving the most at home too.

Homework is set and reading books are changed every Friday, and children are expected to read with a parent or guardian every day. We also have a range of log ins for the children to develop their learning on apps including: Timetables Rockstars, Spelling Shed, Language Angels and more!

P.E is every Tuesday and Friday in Year 4, please make sure your child comes to school in the full and correct P.E in kit school. Coloured house t-shirts can be bought from our school office. We will be going outside no matter the weather this year so please make sure the correct clothing is worn or brought to school.

Finally, always keep your eye out on the school Facebook page for updated photos and information on our learning journey through Year 4 of the year 2025-2026. We look forward to supporting and encouraging your child's amazing learning this year as well as being there for home support if needed.

Thank you and here's to an amazing year,

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Rea