



# Welcome to Year 4





# Year 4 Team

Mrs Brookfield. (Class 9)

Mrs Elwill (Class 10)

Mrs Tobin. (Classroom Assistant and Intervention)

Mrs Foulds. (PPA Tuesday afternoon.)

Miss Martin (PPA Tuesday afternoon.)

# Weekly Timetable

- Every morning, we will be focusing on Guided Reading, English, SPAG and Maths.
- The afternoons are devoted to R.E. Science and the wider curriculum including History, Geography, Music, P.E., PSHE, RSE, Art, Design Technology and Computing.
- Mrs Foulds and Miss Martin will teach Class 9 and 10 on a Tuesday afternoon.
- Every Tuesday, the children will participate in P.E. Dering the Autumn term, the children will go swimming on a Thursday.
- Assembly is on a Monday and Friday.

# Reading

- Reading is an integral part of the school day. In Year 4, we devote 30 minutes every day to focused reading tasks.
- These include:
- Pre-read: This is a task to prepare the children for the teacher's guided session.
- Guided read: The teacher focuses on the skills of reading. The objectives are taken from the criteria that the children are working towards in Year 4.
- Follow up task: The activity builds on the skills learnt from the teacher's session.
- Seen /Unseen Comprehension: The children complete questions which focus on the retrieval of information, PE (point and evidence) and inference skills.
- <u>Personal read</u>: This is an opportunity for the children to read for a sustained amount of time. Sometimes the children will be given questions to answer about their personal reading book.
- If we feel that your child needs extra reading intervention then they will read with Mrs Tobin daily.

#### Homework

Every Friday, Maths or English homework will be given out via Class Charts and will be due in on the following Wednesday.

This work will be based on what your child has been learning in class that week and they should be able to complete it independently.

Spellings and Times Tables

Spellings will be given out on a Thursday and will be linked to No Nonsense Spelling which will also be listed on Spelling Shed. We will also focus on the Year 3/4 Statutory Spelling List. Spellings will be tested on a Wednesday.

Times tables will also be given out on a Thursday and tested on the following Wednesday. The times tables will be personalised so that your child can access them at their own learning pace. It is important that children know their times tables and are able to relay facts quickly.

#### Times Tables Test

During the Summer term, the children will take part in a statutory times tables test known as MTC - Multiplication Times Table Check.

The government have decided that all Year 4 children are to know all the multiplication facts from 2 to 12.

This test is online and gives each child 6 seconds to answer each fact. In the test there are 25 facts.

# Homework

Your child is expected to play on the Times Table Rock Stars Learning Platform for at least 30 minutes per week. 3 sessions a week would be more beneficial.

# **IMPORTANT**

If for any reason your child cannot complete their written, spelling or times table homework during a particular week, please write us a quick note to let us know:

This is for your child's peace of mind!

# Handwriting and Presentation

All the children in Year 4 have received a pen. They have the choice to use either pen or pencil when working. All children must use pencil for Maths, drawing and sketches.

Our policies for school insist on neat, cursive handwriting.

It is extremely important for the staff, parents and pupils to build up a partnership in September. There will be daily posts on our Twitter feed (@Class9RB and @Class10CE), as we love to show you the wonderful things that the children are doing.

We will also provide half termly Knowledge Organisers via our school website (http://www.st-annesrc.lancs.sch.uk/) and emails for important reminders will continue to be sent home. If you have any questions or concerns please contact us through the school office. We really care greatly about your child and appreciate your continued support.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - This usually takes place in December. Last year it was April.

Sacrament of Holy Communion – Father Godric will give your family a variety of dates for you to choose from throughout May, June and July.