

Welcome to Year 4!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 4! We hope that this letter will inform you about part of our routine and provide you with some useful information about the year ahead. We have an exciting year ahead of us, with lots of new learning and exciting activities planned. The Year 4 curriculum builds and extends upon the experiences that children have had in Year 3, particularly in Maths and English.

Our 'Class Page' will be updated throughout the year to showcase our experiences, achievements and learning. Additionally, you will be able to view curriculum overviews (uploaded termly) and information related to statutory spellings, reading question prompts, the compulsory Multiplication Tables Check, and the end of Year 4 expectations in reading, writing and maths.

Daily Essentials

Each day, your child will need to bring with them:

- Diary and reading book
- Packed lunch (if applicable)
- Water bottle
- Library book



Please ensure personal items, including uniform and coats/jackets are labelled. Items such as soft toys or stationery should not be brought into school. There may be occasions where a child wishes to show something that links to our learning. These can be brought to school and will be kept safe in class.

Homework

Below details the homework your child will receive throughout the year:

Daily:

- Reading
- Spelling
- Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS)

Fortnightly:

- Homework booklet consisting of maths and either a writing or reading activity
- Learning Journal consisting of an activity linked to our foundation subjects.

Reading

Reading is an essential part to children's development and we ask that you spend 10 minutes a day reading with your child. This can be a combination of your child reading to themselves aloud, shared reading with an adult or your child listening to you read. Following reading, it is a good idea to discuss what has been read and check your child's understanding. Please record all reading sessions in your child's diary. Comments and enquiries about your child's reading are welcomed.

- Reading books will be changed as required.
- Some children may wish to read their own books from home. This is fine however we do ask that some time is spent reading the school's book.



Quick Info:

Book Changes:
As required

Library Visit:
Tuesdays &
Thursdays

P.E Day:
Friday

Outdoor Learning:
Autumn 1 &
Spring 2

Spellings

- Autumn 1 will focus on revising spelling rules for adding suffixes to a root word such as -ing, -ed, -er, -ful and -ly (predominantly from KS1). There will be no set spelling list as the focus will be on learning and applying the spelling rules for that week's suffix. Children will complete a short spelling quiz on the Friday to show their understanding and application of spelling rule focus for that week.
- Set spelling lists will commence from Autumn 2 which will contain 6 – 8 words linked to our weekly focus plus two 'secret spellings' from our Year 4 Common Exception Words list.



Times Tables

All Year 4 children will be enrolled into the government's statutory Multiplication Tables Check due to take place from the 8th June (Summer 2). Daily practise is essential to boost your child's confidence, recall speed and being able to input their answers correctly. Each half term, you will receive an updated heatmap from TTRS that shows your child's progress from the start of Year 4.

Children will have weekly practises on TTRS in school, but any and all additional opportunities to practise at home would be greatly appreciated.

Login details for websites can be found in the front or your child's diary.

P.E

P.E will take place on a Friday afternoon and will be delivered by BFCCT coaches with Mrs Huggard and Miss Seeley supporting. Children should come to school in their P.E kits

- Plain white t-shirt or polo shirt
- Plain black shorts / joggers (no logos, stripes etc.)
- Purple sweatshirt / jumper / cardigan
- Suitable trainer (not converse or strappy sandals)

Jewellery must be removed and hair must be tied back appropriately for the session. If your child is unable to remove piercings themselves please remove them for your child before they come to school.

Medical

If your child has any medical requirements, please inform school if there have been any changes. Inhalers can be sent and kept in school. We will check expiry dates and make sure your child's inhaler is clearly labelled.

- Should you require to send additional medication in with your child, please fill out the medical form online.



Finally, **please keep us informed about who is collecting your child from school.** We are aware that there may have been previous arrangements for collection but circumstances can change. This includes being picked up by other family members less known to school or going home with another child and family. This helps us to prevent potential safeguarding incidents and keep your child safe.

Should you have any questions or messages, you can write a brief note in your child's diary or catch me on the door in the morning or at the end of the day after all children have been dismissed. Should you have any concerns or there is something you wish to discuss, please speak to Mr. Hopkinson directly or let the office know and request a call back at a more suitable time.

Regards

Mr. Hopkinson, Mrs Brown (TA), Miss Seeley (TA) and Mrs Huggard (TA – Friday afternoons)