



## Welcome to Term 2 in Year 4

We hope that you have enjoyed the short break, and are looking forward to the term ahead. Please spend some time reading our Curriculum Overview which outlines the main focus this term in each subject. We are lucky to have our **forest school lessons** this term. These will be **every Monday** so **please can children arrive in school wearing warm, long sleeved clothing and trousers**. They will need a **change of shoes** as it can get muddy at times! We are also very much looking forward to creating an end of term show for your enjoyment. I'm sure you will hear all about it once rehearsals get under way.

### Reading

Although reading time is built into our school day, we do encourage all children to read regularly at home, ideally sharing this reading with an adult. We have timetabled library slots so that children can change reading books regularly, but we do ask that they complete an AR quiz after each book where possible. Please encourage your child to read as often as possible, and to bring their reading records to school each day.

### Spelling

This term, spelling lessons and tests will take place on a **Thursday**. A list of words will be sent home, following a lesson in which the words have been specifically taught with a focus on the pattern that week. We have some practice time for these words built into our week, but it is also important to encourage the children to practice at home. Paper spelling lists are provided, and a list of class spellings will be posted on dojo each week.

### Times Tables

In year 4, we teach times tables regularly, within maths lessons and as a separate activity. Your child will have a specific tables focus that they practice throughout the week, and have a test on a Friday. All children will use Times Tables Rockstars in school to support their learning, but please do encourage them to use this site frequently to continue their practise at home.

<https://trockstars.com/>

### Equipment

Please can we ask all children to come to school with a pencil case containing:  
Blue handwriting pen  
Pencil  
Ruler  
Glue stick  
Purple pen

### Reminders

Finally, please ensure your child comes to school each day with a water bottle and coat, as the weather is so unpredictable!  
Our P.E day this term is Wednesday and forest school is every Monday. Please send children into school in suitable clothing on these days.  
The correct school uniform should be worn every day.

We are here to help, so please let us know if you have any concerns by chatting when you collect your child, sending a message via dojo, or by contacting the school office. We will always aim to return calls and answer queries as quickly as possible.