



Welcome to Year 4!

It is wonderful to welcome your children back to school for the start of a new year. The children are settling quickly into routines in their new classrooms and learning communities; modelling our school values superbly. I know that they are looking forward to all of the exciting learning that will be taking place across year 4 during our first term, including a visit to the Beany museum to support our learning about Ancient Egypt! Please spend some time reading our Curriculum Overview which outlines the main focus this term in each subject.

Reading

We recognise that developing reading is vital for supporting our learning across the curriculum. We provide time for reading for pleasure within the classroom, and opportunities to share reading with one another. In addition, we encourage all children to read for at least 15 minutes each day at home, ideally sharing this reading with an adult. Your child will be supported in choosing a book that is appropriate for their reading band, which they are encouraged to bring home each day. They are also welcome to bring books from home.

Spelling

In year 4, we will have a spelling lesson each week on a Monday, and at the end of this the children will be given a list of 10 new words to practise at home in preparation for a spelling test on the following Monday. This list will be provided on paper and will also be available on dojo each week.

Times Tables

Throughout year 4, we teach times tables regularly, within maths lessons and as a separate activity. We will do this through a variety of fun games and activities, including the use of Times Tables Rockstars. Although we will use this site in school to support tables recall, we would strongly encourage all children to continue their practise at home. Login details are the same as last year and a reminder slip will be given to your child in the first week.

Equipment

Please can we ask all children to come to school whenever possible, with a pencil case containing:

Blue handwriting pen

Pencil

sharpener

Ruler

Purple pen

Glue stick

Having these items helps your child to make the most of their learning time.

They may also choose to bring colouring pens/pencils.

Reminders

Finally, please encourage your child to come to school each day with a water bottle and coat, as the weather is so unpredictable!

Our P.E days are Mondays and Wednesdays. Please send children into school in their P.E kits on these days.

We recognise that starting a new school year can be a difficult time. We are here to help, so please let us know by chatting when you collect your child, or by contacting the school office. We will always aim to return calls and answer queries as quickly as possible.