



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:

Mondays for Capybaras and Jackrabbits

Fridays for Possums and Sharks.

Please arrive in school wearing warm, long-sleeved clothing and trousers on Forest school days, and bring 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 every Tuesday, so that children can change reading books regularly, and we ask that they complete an AR quiz after each book. Please encourage your child to read as often as possible and let us know if they are not bringing a book home. Any comments can be recorded in contact books, which should be brought to school each day.

Spelling

This term, spelling lessons and tests will continue to be on a **Tuesday**. A list of words will be copied into the contact book, following a lesson in which the words have been specifically taught and practised. We have some more practice time for these words built into our week, but it is important that children also practice at home. 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://ttrockstars.com/>

Equipment

To avoid disruption to learning, please can we ask all children to come to school with a pencil case containing:

Blue handwriting pen

Pencil

Ruler

Glue stick

Purple pen

Colouring pens/pencils if desired

Reminders

Finally, as we head into Winter, 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 Thursday. Please send children into school in correct PE kit with a school jumper or cardigan (named).

As mentioned above Forest school clothes and shoes will be needed on Monday (Capybaras/Jackrabbits)

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.