



Welcome to Year 4!

It is wonderful to welcome your children back to school for the start of a new year. We are sure that they will quickly settle into the 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. Please spend some time reading our Curriculum Overview which outlines the main focus this term in each subject. Your child has been given a contact book, which will be used to keep useful information, such as login details for AR and TTRS, spellings and times tables to learn.

Children should bring these to school every day please.

Reading

Developing reading skills 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. If you would like to make any comments/queries about your child's reading please do this in their contact book. It is possible to log in

to AR via the curriculum link on the school website

Spelling

In year 4, we will have a spelling lesson each week on a Tuesday, 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 Tuesday. This list will be recorded in their contact book, and we will also record scores in this book so that you can keep track of their success.

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. We strongly encourage all children to continue their practise on TTRS at home. Login details are the same as last year and a reminder will be provided 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

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 Thursdays**. 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, writing in their contact book, or by contacting the school office. We will always aim to return calls and answer queries as quickly as possible.