



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 will keep the same login details for Reading Eggs/Mathletics. AR and TTRS. so please let us know if you need any support with accessing these.

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. It is possible to log in to AR via the curriculum link on the school website. If you have any concerns about your child's reading, please contact the class

Spelling

In year 4, the children will have a spelling lesson each week focusing on a new spelling pattern, such as certain prefixes or suffixes. At the end of this lesson, the children will practise these spellings, and make sure they know what the words mean. A list of 10 words should then be brought home by your child to practise at home, in preparation for a spelling test the following week. Teachers will also put the lists on dojo but please check with us if you have any questions.

Times Tables

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. There will also be weekly tests on the times table that your child is focusing on, and they will be given a booklet in class to support their practice of these facts. 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:

- A blue pen for writing
- 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, sending a dojo message to the teacher, or by contacting the school office. We will always aim to return calls and answer queries as quickly as possible.