



## Welcome to Term 3 in Year 4

We hope that you have all had a fantastic Winter 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.

### Reading

Quality reading time is built into each school day, but we do also encourage all children to read for at least 15 minutes a day at home, ideally sharing this reading with an adult.

We have timetabled library slots each Tuesday so that children can change reading books, and we ask that they complete an AR quiz after each book where possible. AR quizzes and reading suggestions can be accessed from any computer by following the link on the school website  
<https://www.ststephensjuniorschool.co.uk/> (curriculum)

### Spelling

Children will be given a spelling list of 10 words each week on a Tuesday, which they should practise in preparation for a spelling test on the following Monday. Before we set these, we will have taught the words and practised them together in class. It is important that the children also practise these spellings at home throughout the week.

### Times Tables

In year 4, the children are expected to work towards a recall of all times tables facts up to 12x12. We teach times tables regularly, within maths lessons and as a separate activity. Among other strategies, all children will use Times Tables Rockstars in school to support their learning, but please do encourage them to use this site to continue their practise at home.

<https://trockstars.com>

Individual logins can be requested by dojo if your child has lost/forgotten it.

### Equipment

Please can we ask all children to come to school with a pencil case containing:  
Blue handwriting pen  
Pencil  
Ruler  
Sharpener  
Glue stick  
Purple pen  
They may also choose to bring colouring pens/pencils

### 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 days this term Wednesday and Thursday. Please send children into school in their P.E kits 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.