

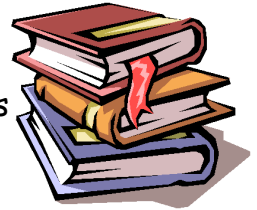
# Welcome to Year 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a fantastic summer and that the children are enjoying being back to school. I am looking forward to getting to know you throughout the next year and am always here to help if you have any concerns or questions.

## Teaching Staff in Year 4

Mrs Russell, Miss Farrington, Mrs Hudson, Mrs Gleave, Mrs Jones



## Reading and Homework

From this year we are taking a different approach to homework. Homework will no longer be compulsory but will be available for those children who wish to do it. This can be brought back into school when completed and will be marked.

Reading is an essential life skill and is therefore not negotiable. In Year 4, we love reading and know how important it is for the development of our writing. The children have been given a book to read at home or in school and we ask that they read as much as possible each week. Children can record what they have read in their reading records which should be kept in their book bags and brought to school everyday.

Spellings will be given out, but due to the way that our teaching of spelling works this does not necessarily mean that the children will get new spellings every week. When spellings are sent home, please encourage your child to practise them.

## Times Tables



2020 is the year that the government introduces the statutory Multiplication Tables Test for Year 4 children. The children will be required to sit this test in the summer term. It is therefore very important that the children learn and know their times tables. We will be practising regularly in class but it is also really important that the children take the time to practise at home as well. The children have their own log in details for Times Table Rockstars which they can play online at home if they want to.

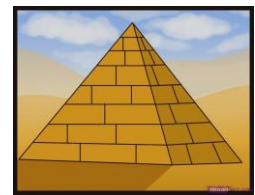
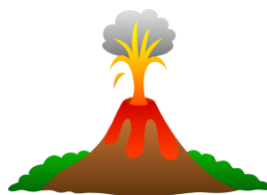
## Weekly Reminders

- PE will take place on Mondays and Tuesdays. We ask that all children bring their PE kits for the lessons and that they are suitable for indoor and outdoor activities.
- Please could you make sure that your child's jumpers, cardigans and coats are clearly labelled with their name to avoid any mix ups.
- Star of the Week will be given out each week in assembly to those who put great effort into their work.
- The Year 4 door will open at 8:45am and the register will close at 9:00am. The school day finishes at 3:15pm.

## Topics

This year we will be finding out about:

- World War 2
- Antarctica
- Ancient Egypt
- Natural Disasters
- Being a History Detective
- Great Britain



We love to see children doing their own research about our topics and reward those to take the time to present their own information.

Throughout the year we will support our learning through trips out and through visitors who come in to school to talk to the children. If you know of anyone who could support us with this, please let us know.

## Year 4 Timetable

Year 4 will take part in daily Reading, English and Maths lessons. Afternoons will be dedicated to cross curricular topic lessons including Science, Geography, History, Art, SEAL, ICT, Languages, PE and RE.

We will also be continuing Bug Club this year. Children will be reminded of their usernames and passwords and they will be able to access reading materials at home.

I am really looking forward to working with you and please don't hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions or concerns.



**Mrs Russell**

