

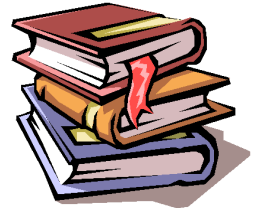
Welcome to Year 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so pleased to welcome the children back to school following the strangest few months ever. This year, due to the current situation, we are unable to do our Meet the Teacher sessions in person. Therefore, I am sending out the relevant information in this leaflet and as you know, we are always here to help if you have any concerns or questions.

Teaching Staff in Year 4

Mrs Russell, Miss Farrington, Mrs Gleave, Mr McKenna



Reading and Homework

We are continuing to take a different approach to homework, which is no longer 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, it must be done as much as possible both in and out of school. In Year 4, we love reading and know how important it is for the development of our writing. The children have a reading book to read at home and/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 should have been the year that the government introduced the new statutory Multiplication Tables Test for Year 4 children. However, this has now been postponed until 2021. The children will therefore be required to sit this test in the summer term. It is very important that the children learn and know their times tables. We will be practising regularly in class, but it is also 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.

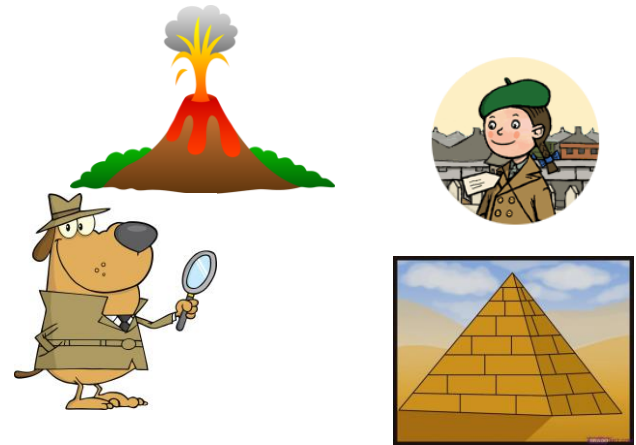
Weekly Reminders

- PE will take place on **Mondays** and **Tuesdays**. This year the children can wear sports kit for the day on PE days. For now, PE will only take place outside so please be mindful of the weather conditions on the day and send your child in appropriate clothing.
- 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 class to those who put great effort into their work.
- The Year 4 start time is **8:55am** and the day finishes at **3:05pm**. We ask that for the time being at least, you stick as closely as possible to our allocated times to enable us to avoid a build up of people on site at any one time. I will open our classroom door at 8:40am so that children with younger siblings can be dropped off at the same time.

Topics

This year we will be finding out about:

- World War 2
- Antarctica
- Ancient Egypt
- Natural Disasters
- Ancient Greece
- The Great Outdoors



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

For the time being we are not planning to run any school trips. However, we will monitor this situation.

Year 4 Timetable

Year 4 will take part in daily reading, English and maths lessons.

Afternoons will be dedicated to cross curricular lessons including science, history, geography, art, personal development, languages, computing, PE and RE.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting our school during this unprecedented time. As always, your support is very much appreciated. We will keep you updated as to any relevant changes to the situation as the year progresses. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns then please ask one of the staff, who will be more than happy to help.



Mrs Russell 😊