



Welcome to Year Four

Class Teachers: Miss Ashworth and Miss Forsythe

Welcome to Year Four, we are looking forward to the start of a new school year and sharing all the great learning experiences we have in store for your child! Keeping you as parents/carers involved in your child's learning is very important to us, so we would like to share some important information with you in advance of September:

Year Four Day

- School begins at 9.00am and ends at 3.30pm
- Morning playtime is 10.50am – 11.05am
- Lunchtime is 12.30pm – 1.30pm

Practicalities

- Children will need their own healthy snack for morning playtime
- In Key Stage 2 (KS2) school lunches will need paying for
- Year Four use lockers, so please use suitably sized rucksacks
- Children are provided with writing equipment, which they take responsibility for and is kept in trays
- In KS2 the uniform consists of shirt and ties

Reading

- Children will have two books (one individual and one library book)
- Children will be given an opportunity to change their individual reading book during the week, but please do remind your child to change their book when they have finished
- Guided Reading will take place each week
- We encourage you to comment or your child to write their own comment in their Reading Record each time they read at home, whichever book this may be.

Spellings

- In Year Four children will be taught following the No Nonsense Spelling programme - spelling knowledge, conventions, patterns and rules are taught through these sessions
- At the beginning of each half term children will receive a list of 20 spellings, they will be tested in groups of 5 each Wednesday for the remaining of the half term
- At the beginning of the half term children will complete a 'pre-test' of all 20 spellings - this will then be repeated at the start of the next half term to see how many words have been remembered
- These spellings are made up of statutory words for Year Three and Year Four

Home Learning

- Home Learning is set on a Wednesday and handed in by the following Monday
- The purpose of Home Learning is to consolidate and extend prior learning
- Children should be able to complete tasks independently
- Home Learning tasks will alternate between Maths and English/Reading Comprehension
- Any concerns regarding Home Learning should be shared with the Class Teacher

Home School Communication

- Your child's Class Teacher should always be your first point of contact
- The Year Four team are available at the Lower Key Stage 2 (LKS2) door every morning and at home time
- The Year 4 team usually take it in turns to meet and greet at the playground door but will pass on any messages to other members of staff
- Reading Records are to stay in your child's bag as a form of communication
- Feedback can be shared with PTA/Parent Council Reps and Parent Governors
- Parents' Evenings happen in October and March, and Learning Review Meetings in July
- The Annual Planner has key dates a year in advance
- The Gorsey Weekly and Twitter has more up-to-date information and any changes

Collection Arrangements

- The children will be walked from the LKS2 door to the edge of the playground - when your child can see the adult collecting them they will be able to join you
- Please collect your child from the lower playground and leave through the back gate
- Please let your child's Class Teacher know if there is any change in collection
- Kids GB is available after school

Year 4 Highlights...

- Making marmalade sandwiches
- Skyping Tom McLaughlin (Author of Accidental Prime Minister)
- Author Visits
- Christmas Carol Service
- Dentist Visit in Science
- Gymnastics Coach in for PE
- Residential to Malham
- Forest School
- Tennis Lessons at Pownall Tennis Club
- Brass lessons with the Love Music Trust
- Come and Play with the Hallé performance at the Bridgewater Hall
- Arts Week



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