



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 8.50am when the bell rings and ends at 3.15pm
- Morning playtime is 11am – 11.15am
- Lunchtime is 12.30pm – 1.30pm - the specific time the children eat changes slightly each day, based on a three-week rota

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 and a slip will be stuck into Reading Records to show the focus of the session
- 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 LKS2 team (Year Three and Four) 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 November 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 let your child's Class Teacher know if there is any change in collection
- Kids GB is available before and after school

Year 4 Highlights...

- Bramall Hall History Visit
- Baking Tudor biscuits
- Skyping Tom McLaughlin (Author of Accidental Prime Minister)
- Author Visits – Matt Dickinson, Adam Baron and Jane Kerr
- 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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