

WELCOME TO YEAR 4

It has come around so fast, but we are now beginning our first term of year 4. This year children will be experiencing a new way of accessing English and Maths and have been set in a group which will allow them to access the correct level of the curriculum, appropriate to them. We will be closely monitoring the children's progress allowing for rapid movement through different groups. If you have any questions please contact me after school and I will be happy to discuss this with you.

This year we are also going swimming, every Friday afternoon. Children will learn water skills and how to swim. Please remember your child's swimming costume and towel.

This year your child will be expected to:

- ◆ *Always* try their best
- ◆ Be *kind* and *considerate* to everyone.
- ◆ Do their **homework neatly** —bring it back to school on **TUESDAY**
- ◆ Practice their spellings every night to prepare for a spelling test on **Friday**.
- ◆ **Read regularly** to an adult at home.
- ◆ Have their reading folder in school **every day**.
- ◆ Have their **PE kit** in on Monday and **swimming kit** on Friday.

Things your child will need in Class:



P.E. kit - dark blue shorts , pale blue t-shirt, plimsolls or trainers, in a small bag (drawstring if possible) and a water bottle.

READING

It's really important to read **regularly** at home—**every day if possible!**

Your child has been given a 'Reading Journal'. In this they should write all the books they read at home and school. They should read every night and write the page they have read up to, so I can check on their reading progress.

It's important not just to read the words but to think about the story and the characters, what might happen next and why, and why you think a character is behaving in a particular way. When you listen to your child read encourage them to read with expression. If your child comes across an unfamiliar word encourage them to use clues to work out what it might be—it can be jotted down in their reading record book. When your child has finished a book they need to bring it back and ask for it to be changed—there is no set day for changing books, I shall try to ensure it is changed as soon as possible after your child has finished reading it.



English - This year children will be grouped into their power English groups. These groupings will be regularly assessed throughout the year.



Maths - This year children will be grouped into their Power Maths groups. These groupings will be regularly assessed throughout the year.



Topic— We are studying learning about the Stone Age and the Romans this term.



and....

Spanish

P.E

R.E

Phonics &
SPAG

COMPUTING

and much more !

For parents and carers

We want to make the first term of Year 4 as easy as possible for your child.

You can help them by:

♦ Ensuring that ALL their possessions, especially fleeces, sweatshirts, and plimsolls are named and easily identifiable. Sew in name tapes are best for clothing as 'written on' names do not last.

♦ Encouraging your child's growing independence – letting them sort out their own lunchbox, snack, coat, shoes etc. We understand that this takes them time at first and allow for it.



♦ Listening to them read, or ask them about their books and encourage them to read **every** day.



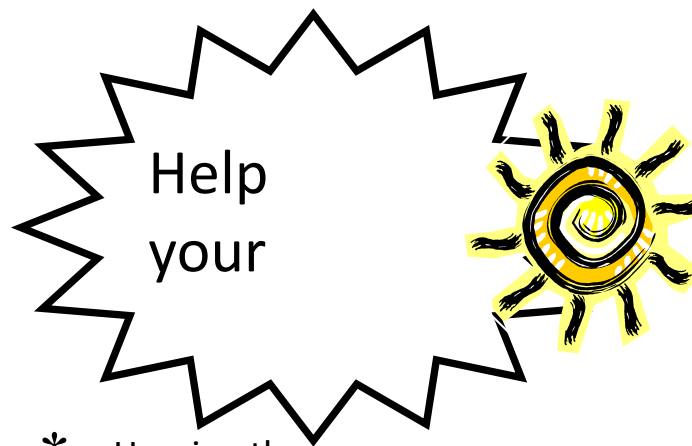
♦ Practising Maths skills in a friendly and informal way – number games, mental arithmetic and table facts.

♦ Encouraging and supporting them to do their homework by themselves.

♦ Coming and asking if you or your child have any worries – however small.



♦ **Remember, we have more time to listen after school than in the mornings and other staff are available too.**



- * Hearing them **read regularly at home** and signing their reading record book.
- * Making sure they have somewhere **quiet** to do their homework.
- * Helping them learn their spellings.
- * Making sure they have their **PE Kit** in school on a Monday.
- * Ensuring they have a **fresh bottle** of water every day.
- * Encouraging them to be in school **on time every day**. We now allow children in from 8:50 am.

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