



Welcome to Year 4

September 2024

Start of day: 8:50am End of day: 3:15pm

Key Stage Two Phase Leader

Miss Raper

Classes in Key Stage Two

Y3: Mrs Heasman

Y4: Miss Raper / Mrs Lister

Y5: Mrs J Hall / Mrs Taylor

Y6: Mr Proud

Staff working with your children this year:

Miss Raper

Mrs Lister

Mrs Dicken

Mrs Dolan

Mrs Durance

Mr Tinjod (French specialist)

Mr Thompson (Tees Valley Music Service)

Dear parent/carer,

A big welcome back from all of us in Year 4. All the staff in Year 4 are so excited to work with you and your child over the next year. Please remember that all members of staff are happy to speak with you at any time over the year regarding the learning and well-being of your child. Do not hesitate to contact us via our online platform (E-Schools) or by contacting the school office (01740 630270). Alternatively, we are happy to discuss any issues with you during morning or evening handovers provided we have additional supervision for our class.

Please find below some important information for this year.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Year 4 Topics:

Autumn Term

The Maya Civilisation
Rainforests

Spring Term

Brazil
WW2

Summer Term

WW2 Continued
India

Educational Trips:

Pantomime visit to
Billingham Forum
Theatre

Farm Visit

WW2 museum visit
and workshop

PE:

The designated day for Y4 PE is Thursday. PE kits are required to be brought into school each half-term so that we can have flexibility with the weather for outdoor PE.

Throughout the year, children will have the opportunity to take part in a range of sporting events at Stockton Venues.

Swimming will take place on 7th April for 1 week and 28th April for 1 week. Please note these sessions are split by the Easter holidays.

Below is a guide to homework. Please note we may issue other homework as appropriate. We use E-Schools to set and mark homework.

Day	What I need for school today	Homework Expectations
Monday	Reading Record and Reading Book	English and Maths homework will be posted on to E-schools for children to submit weekly. This will be given on a Monday and be checked the following Monday. A Topic Homework Grid will also be available on Eschools termly which has different activities the children can choose to complete. This can be done weekly and either brought into school or photographed/uploaded and sent via eschools.
Tuesday	Reading Record and Reading Book	Times Table Rockstars 10 minutes Reading at home 10 minutes
Wednesday	Reading Record and Reading Book	Times Table Rockstars 10 minutes Reading at home 10 minutes
Thursday	Reading Record and Reading Book PE Kit	Times Table Rockstars 10 minutes Reading at home 10 minutes
Friday	Reading Record and Reading Book	Spelling lists will be available on Eschools for children to practice at home. Children will be tested on their spellings the following Friday.

Multiplication Check

In the Summer Term, Year 4 children will undertake a multiplication check. This is a statutory test set by the department for education. The purpose of this check is to determine whether your child can recall their times tables up to 12x12. It is important for children to have a good knowledge of their multiplication facts as this helps in all areas of Maths. In school we use Times Tables Rockstars as a fun way to practise times table knowledge and it is therefore important that regular practice takes place. I will re-issue TTRS log in details and passwords for the children shortly.

Love of Reading

In class, we will be covering a range of exciting texts as part of our English lessons. The class will also have the opportunity to visit our newly stocked library weekly on a Thursday afternoon. Children will be able to borrow books from the library and keep them in their trays to read in school. I would also encourage any children who have books at home, that they are enjoying reading, to bring them into school for free reading times.

Developing good comprehension and reading fluency is essential. Attached is a list of the top fifty recommended books for your child's year group.

You may enjoy reading them together.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/recommended-reads/year-4/>