

Friday 5th September 2025

Dear Parent / Carer / Guardians,

Welcome back and welcome to Year 4!

We hope you have all had an enjoyable and restful Summer and you are ready for the exciting year ahead! Our aim is to develop supportive partnerships where we all work together to ensure that your child continues to thrive and develop. We value positive relationships and focus on developing these foundations within our community from the outset.

Attendance and punctuality

We would like to emphasise the importance of excellent attendance and hope that you and your child will make every effort to make sure that you are on time and ready for the school day. The school doors open at 08:35am to allow the children to have a smooth entry into school allowing them to be ready to learn. Children will be registered by 9am.

Home time

Our school day ends at 3.15 and children need to be collected from the top playground from the door that is closest to the field. Children who have not been collected by 3.25 will be escorted down to the office. This is where you will need to collect them from.

Homework

Homework will normally be given out every Friday to be returned by the following Friday morning and tests will take place every Friday.

Homework consists of:

- Weekly spellings.
- TT rockstars practice (Garage and Soundcheck game modes).
- Occasional mental arithmetic practice.
- Home reading.

Home Reading

Each child has a home reading book and record. We will assess and choose the level of this book for your child in order to ensure this meets their reading needs. This is part of their weekly homework and we expect children to read at home at **least 3 times a week**. Your child will benefit from reading 4-5 pages and then talking about what they have read. They could discuss the characters, what they think will happen next or answer questions you ask them. Children are given daily opportunities to change their reading books and we expect them to be independent enough to do so. Please also ensure that your child brings their home reading book in a book bag into school **every day** rather than a rucksack as we have limited space in the classrooms/cloakrooms for storage.

PE

Swimming: this will take place on a Monday afternoon. Please ensure girls have a full swimsuit and boys wear sensible trunks or swim shorts, **which must be above the knee**. Once lessons start (w/c 8th September), swimwear will need to be brought in a bag with a towel (no shampoo/spray deodorant or shower gel). Roll-on deodorant is allowed. Children can bring a healthy snack for after swimming. Children may come to school in their PE kit for ease of changing.

Outdoor PE: this takes place on a Tuesday afternoon for both classes. It is important that children have the correct kit: a white or blue plain t-shirt; black or blue tracksuit bottoms; a plain black or blue sweatshirt and a pair of trainers. PE kits must be worn to school on the day of PE.

Water Bottles & healthy snack

We would encourage a named water bottle to be brought into school for your child to use regularly. Bottles should be taken home daily to be cleaned. We ask that your child only has water in their bottle. At morning break time, your child has the opportunity to have a snack. We ask that this is in line with our healthy schools policy: e.g. a piece of fruit, cereal bar, crackers, cheese etc. Snacks should not include chocolate, sweets, crisps or cakes. Alternatively, children may purchase a healthy snack from the tuck shop.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform (named so that it can be easily returned if lost), including black school shoes. They are also required to wear a school tie with a white shirt or polo shirt and should have a school cardigan or V-necked school jumper. Smart watches, nail varnishes, earrings (other than small studs) and other jewellery should not be worn.

Curriculum

Please find below an overview of what we will be covering

Subject	Unit
Mathematics	Place value, Times tables & arithmetic.
English	A range of writing genres such as: letters, narratives, diary entries, recounts and explanation texts.
Science	Human digestion
Geography	Journey to the sea- focus rivers
Music	How does music bring us together? Music instrument: recorder
Computing	E-safety - privacy and security Computer systems and the internet
Art	Exploring tone, texture and proportion
PSHE	Me and my relationships
MFL	About my key places
RE	How are important events remembered?
PE	Swimming and Tennis

Dates for your diary

There are a number of key dates already in place for Year 4, please ensure to keep a record of these.

Nell Bank	15th to 17th October (2nights)
Teacher training day - school closed for children	Friday 24 th October
Art Week - City of Culture	WB: 20th October

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to any of us at the end of the school day.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 4 Team,

Mr Nicklin, Mr Rhodes, Mrs Howell-Gott & Miss Collinson.