

## Welcome to Year 4!

We have really enjoyed having the children back in school and are delighted with how well they have all settled. We are looking forward to meeting you at the parent consultations later in the term but in the meantime, we hope the information below is useful. If you have any questions, please drop the office an email.

### Equipment

It would be helpful for children to bring a pencil case for their own individual use. Useful items include writing and colouring pencils, ruler, rubber, sharpener and especially glue! We have resources in school for those without pencil cases.

We would appreciate your help in limiting what is brought into school. Toys etc. are safer at home!

In order to improve ventilation, windows may be kept open more than usual so children will need layers as the weather gets colder.

### Homework

Homework will be sent home at the beginning of each half term. Please encourage your child to pick one activity each week. We will collect homework books in on a Wednesday.

In Year 4, we hope all children will be **reading** for a minimum of 15 minutes a day. When your child reads or starts a new book, he/she can record this in the back of their green home-school book (children can keep their own log).

**Spellings** will be listed on the Year 4 page of the school website at the start of the week, in preparation for a spelling quiz each Friday. There will be a slightly easier list alongside the Year 4 words. Children will be aware of which words they are to learn.

We will also post the maths '**learn-its**' facts on the Year 4 page of the school website. We often focus on the same facts for a few weeks. (Please turn over for an overview of the learn-its.)

A rapid recall of **multiplication facts** is key to accessing the Year 4 maths curriculum. This requires frequent practice and is something we need your support with at home! Some ideas can be found overleaf.

### Timetable

	4X	4Y
Mon	Mrs Hambley	Ms Goodman
Tues	Mrs Hambley	Ms Goodman
Weds	Mrs Hambley	Ms Goodman
Thurs	Mrs Grant	Mrs Funnell
Fri	Mrs Grant	Mrs Funnell

Playtimes in Year 4 are 10:30-10:45am  
Lunchtime is 12:15-1:10pm

**Parent Consultations will take place week beginning Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September.** Sign-up sheets will be available outside of classrooms the week before. Please let us know if you would prefer a phone call.

### PE

Ms Goodman and Mrs Funnell  
- **Tuesday and Thursday**  
Mrs Hambley and Mrs Grant  
- **Tuesday and Friday**

Please continue to send your child to school in their PE kit.  
We are unable to help children remove earrings so children will need to be able to do this independently. Even better if they can be removed at home!  
(We understand some children have had their ears pierced in the summer holidays and may need to keep them in for a period of time.)

Our Topics this term:

<b>English</b>	Autobiographies
<b>Mathematics</b>	Place value, multiplication (starting with the 6 times table) and division, perimeter and area
<b>History</b>	The Romans
<b>Science</b>	Electricity
<b>RE</b>	Harvest/Sukkot

'**Learn Its**' (part of our CLIC program) are key number facts that children need to learn so that they can complete more complicated calculations with ease. They are taught sequentially and children need to practise regularly so that they can rapidly recall the facts.

### The 36 Multiplication 'Learn Its'

x	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2	4							
3	6	9						
4	8	12	16					
5	10	15	20	25				
6	12	18	24	30	36			
7	14	21	28	35	42	49		
8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	
9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81

#### Ideas to help with multiplications

- Chanting (old-fashioned, but effective!)
- Listening to and signing along to times tables songs (many can be found on Youtube)
- Writing the number patterns down, in and out of order
- Making a set of number cards labelled 1-12, shuffling them, turning them over one at a time and multiplying it by the table being learnt
- Purple Mash games

- **Times Tables Rockstars!** Class teachers will be reminding children of their logins this week. Little and often practise on this game will help improve children's speed and accuracy.