

Welcome to Year 4



Dear Parents and Carers,

We would all like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Year 4. We hope that they will find the coming academic year enjoyable, exciting and challenging.

We begin our year with the very exciting topic – I am Warrior. This topic has a strong history focus, the children will learn all about the Roman invasion of Britain and the legacy this left behind. Please see the attached topic web for more information about what we will be learning in the other subjects. We plan to visit Maiden Castle and meeting a Roman soldier, finishing our day out by visiting the Roman townhouse and a Celtic roundhouse. There will be a wonderful Roman ‘dressing-up’ day at the end of the half-term and the children will also be performing in an incredible Roman play. The dates of these events will be on the newsletter.

Homework across KS2 is spelling and times tables’ practise, which will be set on a Friday and collected in on a Tuesday. At the end of Year 4 children will be required to take a times table check (much like the one they took in Phonics at the end of Year 1) which will check their quick retrieval of the times tables up to and including 12 x 12. We will be helping your child learn these tables in school but would also appreciate your support in encouraging your child to visit the Times Table Rockstars website and helping them to practice their times tables throughout the week. The children will also have a topic-based project to be completed across each half-term.

We want to continue to foster confident readers who have a love of books. Please help us by ensuring that your child is reading regularly at home for at least 20 minutes at a time and recording this in their reading record. **Please ensure that you sign your child’s reading record at least once a week to confirm that they have been reading at home.** We have lots of exciting rewards in school for children who are reading at home but they will only qualify for these if you sign their record.

A full school uniform list is available on our school website. However, we would like to remind you that socks should be plain black, grey or white and not trainer socks; hair accessories should be simple and in school appropriate colours; jewellery is limited to plain, round stud earrings and a watch; and nail varnish should not be worn. As the weather gets colder, you may want to send your child to school with plain tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt in their PE kit. Please ensure everything is named including all PE kits, coats, lunch-boxes and jumpers as this will mean it is more likely lost property will find its way back to the classroom.

It is important that your child brings a named water bottle to school and we encourage them to drink throughout the day. They should also bring in a piece of fruit for a snack at playtime.

It is lovely to see you all at the end of the day. Please be sure to give us a big wave when you see your child so that we know they have gone home with their parent or carer. If going home arrangements are going to be different at the end of the day please could you inform us in the morning or contact the school office to inform us of the change of arrangements. We look forward to meeting you at the parent consultations in early October. However, if you wish to contact us before then, please feel free to catch us at the end of the day or telephone the school office to make an appointment. Alternatively, send an email to the following address, which will be forwarded to your class teacher. junoffice@wykeregisfed.dorset.sch.uk

Kind Regards
The Year 4 Teaching Team