

# 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 are all really looking forward to it.

We begin our year with the very exciting topic – Coast to Coast. This topic has a strong geography focus, the children will learn all about the wonderful coastline on which we live and how this has changed over time. They will be creating a set of headphones to protect a lighthouse keepers ears and learning a wonderful traditional tale about a fish that can grant wishes. After half-term we will be moving on to our favourite topic of the year – Chocolate!

Spellings will be set each week on Google Classroom, your child will also have a spelling book to use at home to practise their spellings in. 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 at least 4 times a week and helping them to practice their times tables throughout the week. Mathletics will continue to be set each week, this will be based on what we have been learning in class. The children will also have a topic-based project to be completed across each half-term, the first half-terms project is to create a piece of art using items that have been washed up on the beach.

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 that are reading at home but they will only qualify for these if you sign their record. Log-in details have already been sent home with your children explaining how to access Accelerated Reader from home. This means that your child can now quiz on books at home as well as at school, helping them to reach their reading targets more quickly.

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 part of the guidance from the Government we are no longer able to do PE inside, as the weather gets colder, please send you child into school wearing plain black tracksuit bottoms so they stay nice and warm. A purple school hoodie will also be provided by the school to wear on PE days. 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. If you have any concerns or question and wish to contact us please telephone the school office or send an email to the following address, which will be forwarded to your class teacher.

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Kind Regards

The Year 4 Teaching Team