

Welcome to Year 4



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

Year 4 offers many exciting opportunities for the children including a **residential trip** for 2 nights to Hook Court in the summer and learning an instrument in the spring. You will receive further information about these opportunities soon.

Our first topics this half term are – **Meet the Team** and **Coast to Coast**. We will be looking at the features of our local coastline, coastal erosion and completing some map work as well as thinking historically about why our local area was particularly good for smugglers! Please take the opportunity to go on a coastal walk and look at how the landscape changes. Can you find some secret beaches that may have been good for smuggling activities?

Homework across KS2 still consists of:

- **Spelling/handwriting** which will be sent home weekly for a test the following week. Please keep a copy of these and 'test' your child on them practise the ones they are finding tricky. Class test is on Wednesday.
- **Times tables** - practise on weekly Times Tables Rock Stars sheets – time themselves, allow up to 5 mins maximum (Even if they don't complete the sheet) and record their score and time – please mark these with your child to enable you to identify what tables they need to work on.
- We also set daily, short bursts on **TT Rock Stars** on the tables set in **Garage** or by choosing ones they find difficult in **Jam**.

At the end of the year, Year 4 children complete a government check on all their times tables up to 12x12 – so please encourage your child to practise these.

- Reading - We want to continue to foster confident readers who have a love of books. Please help us by ensuring that your child is reading at home for 20 minutes **at least** 3 times per week. In order to get their reading rewards, **please ensure that you sign your child's reading record.**

We will be praising and rewarding our '**Homework Heroes**' who regularly complete all 3 tasks.

Please also log in to **Google Classrooms** where topic webs and tasks will be added for your child to join in with.

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. **Full uniform PE kit needs to be worn to school on PE days.** This includes plain black joggers or shorts, their team t-shirt – or if not a plain white one, and their purple school hoodie on cooler days. **Hoodies are for PE days only.**

(PE days are Monday and Wednesday for all of year 4)

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 or veg for a snack at playtime.**

Please ensure everything is named including all PE hoodies, coats, lunch-boxes and jumpers, as this will mean it is more likely lost property will find its way back to the classroom.

We look forward to seeing you at the parent consultations at the end of September. 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 Team