

## Welcome to Year 4

We are looking forward to the new school year and to sharing the next step of your child's Key Stage 2 journey with them. Keeping you as parents/carers involved in your child's learning is very important to us, so we would like to share some important information with you in advance of September:

### 2024-25 Year 4 Team



Mrs Stonier



Mrs Illidge



Mrs Maddison



Mr Talbot



Miss Sannwald

Mr Watts

### Key Information

Our curriculum will be inspired by our Autumn Bookshelf that is filled with exciting, high-quality texts that enable us to centre our curriculum around six different character traits (Bravery, Citizenship, Curiosity, Gratitude, Integrity and Kindness).

#### School Day

- The school day begins at 8.50am and ends at 3.20pm – please ensure your child is ready to enter the school building at 8.50am promptly as we will be starting lessons every day at 8.55am.
- Pupils will have a morning break. Their lunchtime is 12.30pm – 1.30pm. The specific time the children will eat their lunch changes slightly each day, based on a weekly rota for the Key Stage.
- An example of a typical weekly timetable will be made available in September on the [Year 4 page of our website](#).

#### Practicalities

- Government-funded fruit is not provided for KS2 children. We would encourage you to send a simple, fruit snack in for your child to eat during morning snack time. The following fruit snack choices will be allowed: a piece of fruit, raw vegetable sticks, dried fruit or a plain breaded snack. Products containing chocolate are not permitted, nor are products containing nuts.
- As you are aware, pupils in KS2 do not receive the Universal Infant Free School Meals entitlement. School lunches are available to be purchased every day or you are of course welcome to send your child in with a packed lunch (please remember nothing in these should include nuts). Parents struggling to meet the cost of school lunches may still be entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) – further details about this can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>
- Year 4 pupils continue to use lockers, where they can keep their coat and belongings.
- Pupils in Year 4 wear their PE kits in place of regular school uniform on their PE day (day TBC)
- Year 4 will be taking part in swimming lessons during the Autumn term.

#### Reading

- School reading books will be taken home and your child will have the opportunity to swap their books once they have been read.
- Y4 reading books are taken from a selection of age-appropriate texts as part of our reading for pleasure culture.
- Children take greater ownership for changing their own reading book and time is allocated within the school day and as part of library visits where required.
- Your child's reading books should be brought into school each day along with their Reading Record book.

- Your child will take part in daily whole class reading sessions. Additional reading sessions may be provided should your child require these to enable them to meet age-related expectations. Adults within the team will read with different pupils individually during the week and a note will be recorded in their reading record book.

### **Home Learning**

- Children should be able to complete the tasks independently following an initial explanation, but can be supported if required.
- Home Learning alternates between Maths/Arithmetic and English/Reading Comprehension and should be completed in your child's Home Learning book. These are sent home on a Friday and are to be handed in each Wednesday.
- Any questions regarding Home Learning should be shared with your child's Class Teacher.
- Other online platforms are available for the children to use either as part of the weekly Home Learning or as additional resources to further embed learning from in school. In Year 4, this includes Spelling Shed and Times Tables Rockstars. Logins can be found in the front of the children's Reading Records.

### **Home School Communications**

- Your child's Class Teacher should always be your first point of contact.
- A member of the Lower Key Stage Two (LKS2) Team will be available every morning and at the end of every school day. For conversations that may require more time or privacy, please arrange an appointment.
- Reading Records and reading books to be sent home and returned to school daily.
- Parents' Evenings will take place twice throughout the year, the provisional dates for these will be shared in our Annual Planner in September.
- Feedback can be shared with your child's Class Teacher, Parent Council Representative or one of our Parent Governors.
- Our whole school Weekly Newsletter and Instagram account includes the most up-to-date information for you to read and enjoy throughout the school year.

### **Drop-off and Collection Arrangements**

- Year 4 children will continue to enter and be dismissed school through the double doors onto the school playground between the Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms. They will turn left when entering the building before going upstairs to their classroom.
- If the person collecting at the end of the day changes, please inform the Admin Team via email or telephone if this changes during the day/at short notice so that the team know who to expect.

### **Snack**

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### **Year 4 Highlights...**

- Educational visits, one off site per term
- Christmas Theatre visit (TBC)
- Author visits (virtual and in person)
- Play with the Halle Orchestra at The Bridgewater Hall
- Year Group assembly performance
- Opportunities to take part in sports competitions and events
- KS2 Carol Service at St. Andrew's Church
- Opportunity to apply for a wider selection of Pupil Parliament Groups
- Residential Visit to Malham (Summer Term, exact dates TBC in Autumn Term)



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