



Welcome to Year 4



We would like to warmly welcome you all to Year 4!

The children have settled in brilliantly to the junior school routines and we have been very impressed with how calmly and sensibly they are listening to instructions and following new procedures. It has been lovely to start to get to know everyone and we look forward to sharing our exciting learning journey with you.

The Year 4 teachers are:

4B – Mr Brown

3RU – Miss Upfold (Mon – Wed) and Mrs Russell (Wed – Fri)

Spellings

While in the lower juniors (Years 3 and 4), your child will learn the common exception words set out in the National Curriculum. To help your child feel more confident, please practise reading and writing these words at home as often as possible.

Separate spelling lists will be sent home on Fridays in **small, red spelling books**, starting Friday 11 September 2020. The children will be tested on these the following Friday. Please make sure your child has their spelling book each Friday and practise these spellings at home as often as possible. Your child can also practise their spellings on Spelling Shed which is updated weekly by the class teacher. Find password/login in your child's Homework book and Reading Record.

Year 3 and 4 Common Exception Words

Aa	breath	consider	enough	group	island	natural	popular	Rr	surprise
accident	breathe	continue	exercise	guard	Kk	naughty	position	recent	Tt
accidentally	build	Dd	experience	guide	knowledge	notice	possess	regular	therefore
actual	busy	decide	extreme	Hh	Ll	Oo	possession	reign	though
actually	business	describe	Ff	heard	learn	occasion	possible	remember	thought
address	Cc	different	famous	heart	length	occasionally	potatoes	Ss	through
although	calendar	difficult	favourite	height	library	often	pressure	sentence	Vv
answer	caught	disappear	February	history	Mm	opposite	probably	separate	various
appear	centre	Ee	forward	Ii	material	ordinary	promise	special	Ww
arrive	century	early	forwards	imagine	medicine	Pp	purpose	straight	weight
Bb	certain	earth	fruit	increase	mention	particular	Qq	strange	woman
believe	circle	eight	Gg	important	minute	peculiar	quarter	strength	women
bicycle	complete	eighth	grammar	interest	Nn	perhaps	question	suppose	

Times Tables

- In Year 4, we continue to learn times tables. Children need to recall times tables confidently, and in any order, to be able to apply them in calculations and when problem solving.
- The National expectation is that children can recall all multiplication facts up to 12 x 12.
- They will also complete a national times table check during the summer term in Year 4.
- Your child will be given a **times table card** to bring home. Please practise the specified times table as regularly as possible to ensure they can recall them quickly and in any order.
- When they are confident, send the card back to school so the class teacher can check.
- House points will be given for correct and quick recall and the child will then be moved onto the next times table.
- Once the whole card is completed, your child will receive a certificate in celebration assembly and they can then move onto a division challenge.
- Some children find this hard to begin with but don't worry and keep trying little and often – we all get there in the end!
- Your child has a login to use Times Tables Rockstars to help further practise. The username and password can be found in their homework book and Reading Record book.



How you can help at home

- ✓ Read as often as you can. This will have the biggest impact on your child's learning. Please read the guidance note in your child's Reading Record.
- ✓ Practise your child's new spellings with them. Once they can spell the word encourage them to use it in a sentence.
- ✓ Support your child in completing their home learning each week.
- ✓ Help your child learn their times tables. Quick recall will help them in their maths work.



Reminders:

- PLEASE make sure all your child's belongings (especially jumpers, coats, bags, lunchboxes) are **clearly labelled** with their name.
- No jewellery should be worn at school. Only small stud ear-rings but leave at home on PE days.
- Make sure your child has a suitable coat – we still go outside when it is cold and wet!
- Year 4 have PE on **Wednesday** (outdoor) and **Thursday** (indoor). At the moment children are not allowed to bring in PE kits but are allowed to wear trainers to school. Please ensure your child is wearing suitable clothing for these active sessions. We complete our indoor PE session on Thursdays in bare feet and therefore it would be preferable if the girls wore leggings rather than tights on this day.
- Items from home such as toys and pencil cases should not be brought into school.
- **Home learning will be given every Friday**, starting Friday 18 September 2020. It is due in the following Wednesday. Home learning tasks will generally review what has been learnt in maths and English that week. Please check your child's homework book - see if they can explain their learning. Creative homework which is linked to foundation subjects will be given occasionally.