



WELCOME TO

YEAR 4

**Mr. Barlow-Davenport
&
Mrs. Blackholly**

year4@hollinhey.cheshire.sch.uk

2023-2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are delighted to introduce ourselves as your child's teachers this year and we really can't wait to get to know the children. We have already planned a number of exciting opportunities for the children and love some of the topics that we will cover this year.

The School Day

School starts at 8:50 – we ask that children arrive between 8:40-8:50am. The school day finishes at 3:20pm.

PE

PE will take place on Monday & Thursday this half term - children should come to school dressed in their full Hollinhey PE kit. In the Spring term we will be swimming at Macclesfield Leisure Centre on a Wednesday afternoon.

Music

Year 4 benefit from the expertise of the Love Music Trust on Monday afternoons this year. The children will be allocated their instruments and will start to bring them home once they've become more competent later in the year. Music is every Wednesday. The children are also honoured to be able to play with the Halle Orchestra later in the year!

Year 4 Topic Plan 2022-23

| | Autumn | | Spring | | Summer | |
|----------------------------|--|---------------------------|--|----------------------|--|--|
| <u>Theme</u> | Secrets of the Forest | A Drop in the Ocean | It's all Greek to Me! | Shock Horror | Scrumdiddlyumptious | Rotten Romans |
| <u>Curriculum focus</u> | Science: Classification Geography: Habitat Change Rivers | Science: States of Matter | History: Ancient Civilisations Geography: Modern Europe | Science: Electricity | Science: Teeth, Digestion, Food Chains | History: Roman Empire & it's Impact on Britain Science: Sound |
| <u>Visits & Events</u> | Macclesfield Forest & School Sleepover | Christmas | Internet Safety Day | Synagogue | Bridgewater Hall | Chester |

In addition to the above, English, Maths, Religious Education, French, Music, Information and Communication Technology and Physical Education will be on-going throughout the year.

Homework

There will be a piece of written Spellings and Maths set each week. It will be set on a Wednesday to be completed by the following Monday.

Online homework tasks:

TT Rockstars (3 x 5 mins)

Spelling Shed (3 games completed weekly)

Homework club is available after school on Thursdays for any children who may need extra support with their homework.

We will also be sending home a selection of optional curriculum enrichment activities which you may choose to complete with your children.

Reading

Reading is an essential part of homework throughout the school and should take place **daily**. All children, no matter what level they are reading at, benefit from reading aloud regularly.

It is important that children are also read to, so that their vocabulary can be extended and they understand sentence construction and how language works.

Ask your children questions about the reading books they bring home e.g. What do you think will happen next? How do you think a character feels? Why has the author used a particular word? What other word could have been used? Etc

We appreciate it if you could continue to comment in and sign your child's Reading Record book throughout the year. Reading Record books should be returned to school every day,

Communication

We are continuing to use the class email address and if you wish to contact us directly please email: year4@hollinhey.cheshire.sch.uk.

Please do stay in touch and feel free to come and speak to us if you have any concerns over your child's year 4 journey.

Many thanks,

Mr Barlow-Davenport & Mrs Blackholly