

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 4. This letter will outline some new routines and changes that have been put in place this academic year.

Mrs Kendall is the Year 4 class teacher. She will be supported by Mrs Massam (HLTA) Miss Theaker and Miss Judd. Mrs Gillespie (HLTA) will teach the class on Friday's.

Uniform and essential equipment:

The children should not bring in any unnecessary items. These include keyrings, pencil cases and stationary. All equipment is provided by school. The only thing we have asked the children to bring in is a glue stick. The children are not allowed rucksacks in the cloakroom. Book bags may be used and we will keep these in the classroom during the day.

A small water bottle is required. Please make sure these are labelled. Children may fill their water bottles throughout the day.

Children need a choice reading book. This will be kept in their trays and used during quiet reading times.

If your child is on packed lunches, please make sure their name is clearly written on the lunch box.

Please see the school website for details of the uniform policy and how to reorder school uniform.

Homework:

Homework will now be given out on a **Monday**. Completed homework should be handed in by the following **Monday**.

Homework will include one piece of maths, a comprehension and reading. This year, we will be concentrating more on our multiplication tables. Therefore, maths homework will generally be learning multiplication tables on TT Rockstars. Dojo points will be awarded for homework completed on time. In year 4, the children are expected to be more independent and take ownership of their learning. Incomplete or forgotten homework may result in children missing playtime.

Reading:

Children are responsible for their own choice reading books. Please ensure they have a choice reading book every day in school, along side their school reading book. It is our expectation that children read at home each week and have at least 3 adult signatures in their reading record book. Dojo points will be awarded for home reading.

Spellings:

Spellings will be taught in school and practiced throughout the week. During the first week, children will be given a spelling sheet. This sheet is for you to keep at home. A spelling test will take place **every Friday**. Children will receive their first spelling test on **Friday 12th September**.

Times tables:

Times tables will be practised in school, but they must also be learnt at home. Children will be given a times table focus each week and will be tested on a **Friday**. More information about the year 4 Multiplication check will be sent out later on in the year.

PE:

Children will wear their PE kits to school on the days they have PE. Year 4 PE takes place on a Monday and Thursday. Earrings **MUST NOT** be worn. PE kits include the Halsall red t-shirt, with black or navy shorts and a pair of trainers. During colder weather, children may wear a black or navy tracksuit, along with their usual Halsall red t-shirt.

Contact:

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. However, I may not pick up dojo during the day as I will be teaching. For **URGENT** messages or concerns, contact the school office. Please do not try to approach staff at the beginning of the school day as they will be busy ensuring the safety of all children on the playground.