



Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year to you all!

Many thanks for the lovely presents and cards you gave us for Christmas, your generosity is very much appreciated. We hope you all had a restful Christmas and managed to spend some time with family and loved ones. We hope you are ready for a busy Spring term!

Below are some reminders and information for our class. We try to keep to these routines every week but will occasionally change items to suit the needs of the children and any other additional events happening in school.

#### Curriculum:

- Our Geography topic for this term is How Has Warrington Changed? and the children will be looking at how the landscape, population and town have changed over time. In History we will be studying RAF Burtonwood and looking at the impact this had on Warrington. Our Science focus this term is States of Matter Properties and the children will be learning all about different properties and characteristics of solids, liquids and gases. Please read through our curriculum overview and knowledge organisers to see some of the exciting things planned.

#### Reading:

- Children are encouraged to read at home at least three times each week. Please note in the school planner when your child has read, the page number reached and any comment you may wish to make. School planners will be checked on a weekly basis but planners should be in school each day so reading and any other notes can be recorded.
- All children will complete a whole class guided read, focusing on different reading skills and activities each day. Whenever possible, children are also heard to read individually, so assessment continually takes place. It is therefore important that the children are encouraged to read their reading books (as well as any other reading materials) at home on a regular basis.
- Please try to read with your child on a frequent basis; ten minutes a day makes such a difference. We always encourage children to read other material/books, not just their school reading books. The local libraries are also an excellent way to encourage and support reading for pleasure. These can also be noted in the reading section of the school planners.

#### PE:

- Children will have Indoor PE on a Monday and Outdoor PE on a Friday and should come to school in their PE kits on these days. PE kits should be their house colour t-shirt, black shorts/leggings/joggers and a black jacket/hoodie.
- Please remember to tie back long hair and wear no jewellery for safety reasons.

### Spellings:

- Spellings will be posted on our Google Classroom page each Friday and the children will be tested the following Friday.
- These will focus on either a particular spelling rule/pattern and will also include some words taken from the statutory word list. They will be taught and practised throughout the week in school also. The spelling rules and statutory words are for Years 3 and 4 so please don't be alarmed if your child receives some of the same spelling words or the same rule that they previously had. This is intentional to ensure that they can apply them in their writing.
- Weekly spellings will be available on [Spellingframe.co.uk](https://www.spellingframe.co.uk) so the children can practice them online and play games.
- Please try to help your child to look at these words, pointing out any particular patterns that will help them to remember them. Many children find learning spellings very challenging so this should be low key and a fun few minutes.

### Times Tables:

- We will be having a big focus on times tables this year as the Year 4 children will be completing their Multiplication Times tables Check in June 2024. TTRS will continue but we will also be using specific programs to practice for the times table check. Log on to our class page and Google Classroom to find links to these programs.

### Homework:

- Homework will be set and posted on our Google classroom page on a Friday and this should be returned by the following Wednesday. Please sign your child's planner once it's completed.
- Homework will consist of a Maths activity and an English activity linked to the unit of work they are covering in class, so they should be able to complete the activity independently. However, if your child feels they need some extra support to complete the activity they should ask in school asap.

If there are ever any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch, either by popping in or telephoning. The support you give is essential for your child's progress and the closer we can work together the better it will be for them. If you are on Twitter, please follow @beechtreeGSP to see regular updates.

Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to working with you and the children.

Kind regards,

Mrs S. Rowlands and Miss J. Heywood

