

Welcome to Year Four

We hope you have had a lovely time over the summer and we are sure you are now ready to start the new school year, so welcome to Year 4! We are looking forward to getting to know you and working together so that we have a very exciting and productive year.

We hope that you enjoy the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 4 has to offer. The children will be taught by Mrs Stearn and Miss Perkins in Maple class and Mrs Vause is our TA. Miss Rowse will teach Oak class with Mrs Attwood as the TA.

What will the children be learning?

We will start the year with learning about the Ancient Greeks and the continent of Antarctica. Other areas of learning will include the Romans, a study of the USA and a comparison between Midsomer Norton and Mediterranean Italy. There will hopefully be the Year 4 residential visit to Kilve Court which pupils have thoroughly enjoyed in the past.

What they will need and when

PE kits will be needed throughout the week and should be taken home and washed each Thursday. Forest School will happen on a weekly basis, starting with Oak (4b) on Thursdays this term, starting next week.

Reading and Bug Club

Your child will be given books from the appropriate reading shelf and a reading diary to bring home so that you can hear your child read and ask pertinent questions about their reading. Books will be changed on a regular basis and we would ask you to hear your child read a minimum of three times a week. This can include reading books on Bug Club and books from home in addition to the class reading book. Pupils will be heard read during daily guided reading sessions and some pupils will receive additional reading support.

Homework

Maths homework will be the fundamentals which will be sent home termly and pupils quizzed each Friday morning. There will be weekly spellings for pupils to learn and in addition there will be grammar activities given on a week by week basis for pupils to consolidate their learning. We will also be encouraging the children to create a termly project related to an area of learning.

Times Tables RockStars

This is a great resource for helping to learn times tables so please try to use it on a regular basis. This will help your child prepare for the Government's times tables test in the summer term.

General reminders

Year 4 pupils assemble in the front playground at the start of the day and enter through the pottery room door- this is also the exit at the end of the day. It is important that children are in school on time every morning so that they can consolidate their learning from the day before through early morning challenges. Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school daily as there will no longer be a facility for borrowing / sharing cups.