

# Welcome to Year 4



We would like to wish you and your child a warm welcome to Year 4. We hope that you have had an enjoyable and relaxing Summer and that the children are ready for the exciting year we have planned for them. Our topics for the first term are outlined below, along with some other key information.

## Literacy

Each half term, our Literacy topic will focus around a different book. This half-term, the book we will be reading and studying is 'The Wolves in the Walls'. The study of this text will develop reading comprehension, spoken language, vocabulary and writing skills. The children will have lots of opportunities to write in different genres and we will continue to build upon the grammar and punctuation learnt in Year 3, making sure that this is used correctly and consistently. We will also continue to place a high importance on handwriting this year, with the added incentive for children to earn their pen licence.

## Reading

At Kingshurst, we place a high importance on reading. It is a key skill that children need to acquire to reach their potential across the curriculum and beyond. To support this, there will be many opportunities for your child to read throughout the day, both independently and during guided reading sessions. Therefore, it is important that they bring their reading/library book into school everyday. You can support your child by encouraging them to read at home regularly.

## Maths

In Maths, we will continue to follow the White Rose Scheme of work, which the children are familiar with. As well as building on prior learning, the children will be introduced to new concepts and methods. The children will have lots of opportunities to apply their mathematical knowledge in a range of different ways, including problem solving and carrying out mathematical investigations. The expectation is that, by the end of year 4, children know all of their times tables. There will be a standardised multiplication check at the end of the year, therefore we will have a large focus on this. Regular times tables practice at home, using the online platform Times Table Rockstars, will support your child with this.

## Science

Our Science topic for this half term is States Of Matter. During this topic, the children will have the opportunity to carry out investigations and compare a range of materials distinguishing the difference between a solid, liquid and a gas.

## Wider parts of the curriculum

- Our History topic this half-term will focus on the Romans Empire and their invasion of Britain.
- Our Geography topic will focus on Italy. The children will gain an insight into where the Romans were from and compare this city with their own region.
- Our Spanish topic will be my school. Children will practise their Spanish listening, speaking, reading and writing to communicate their school likes and dislikes.
- Our Art topic will focus on the drawing and incorporating tone to our images.
- Our Design and technology focus will be based on cooking and nutrition. Children will get the opportunity to adapt an Italian recipe.
- Our Computing topic will focus on computing fundamentals, which are how to be safe online and use the internet appropriately.

## P.E.

P.E. this term will be on a:

- Wednesday for 4B
- Thursday for 4TM
- Friday for 4ZM.

On PE days, children need to come into school in full PE kit. This is a plain white t-shirt and dark blue shorts or jogging bottoms. No logos. Thank you for your support with this.

## Homework

Homework will consist of general spellings on Ed/Spelling Shed, weekly spelling test practise in a spelling book and times table practise on Times Table Rockstars.. Logins to these platforms will be sent home with the children. Homework will be set on a Friday with the spelling list uploaded onto ClassDojo. Spelling tests will take place on a Friday.

## Equipment

Children have access to all the equipment they need for year 4, so they will not need to bring anything into school other than a:

- Named water bottle.
- A healthy snack for break time (fruit or something bread based).
- Their reading book.
- Lunchbox if required.

## Attendance

Good attendance plays a vital role in your child's education. To ensure the children gain the most from their education, please support us in making sure your child is in school, on time every day. Thank you.

## Uniform

The children have come into school looking very smart in their uniform. Your continued support with this would be very much appreciated. As a reminder, children are to wear black school shoes, not trainers. All uniform (including school coats) are to be named. Thank you.

If you have any questions, please speak to your class teacher as a first point of contact. A simple and effective way to do this is via ClassDojo, so please make sure you are connected. Should you have any further concerns, please contact Mrs S Salt, who is our Phase Leader. If you would like any further information about the Curriculum we teach, please visit the school website.

We look forward to a successful and exciting term and would like to thank you for your support in advance.

The Year 4 Team

Mrs Bulman 4B (Year Group Leader)

Mrs Moran 4ZM

Mr Mitchell 4TM

Miss Heath

Miss Kelleher