

Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,
We have had a lovely, Christmassy half term in Year 4! Thank you for your support with our Christmas events and coming to watch our 'Christmas Carol'. The children were brilliant! We hope you find the following information in this booklet helpful. Thank you for your support in this busy autumn term.

Spring Term 2025

Gilbert's Glow-Worms (4G-W) will be taught by Miss Gilbert every day except alternate Mondays where they will have Mrs Bishop. Goddard's Goldfinches (4G) will be taught by Miss Goddard every day except alternate Mondays and Wednesday afternoons where they will have Mrs Godrich.

The school gates open at 8:40am and register will be taken at 8:50am.

Children are expected to wear the correct school uniform, including black shoes or black trainers, a white polo shirt, school sweatshirt and grey skirt/trousers. Children can wear a plain, stud earring if they wish. Hairbands should be plain and no other jewellery should be worn.

At Home

Reading is vitally important at home, so please can you continue to read with your child at least three times per week, which is in line with our school reading policy. Please comment in their new reading record book and return the book to school so they can be checked. If your child is reading long, chapter books then the record book can be completed each time they read a chapter. Please can your child's reading record be in their bag everyday so staff can access these if needed.

We are planning lots of exciting reading activities this year and hope to promote a real love of reading in Year 4.

In Year 4 the children have to do an online times tables test which is statutory in the summer term, therefore supporting your child at home by regularly practising times tables is vitally important. Times tables knowledge underpins so many other areas of the maths curriculum and so it is vital that all children can recall their times tables and related division facts rapidly. There are lots of options for practising: TT Rockstars, creating a game/chant or quick-fire questions with someone at home.

Your child will be learning spelling techniques and patterns in school and will need to practise these rules at home. In addition, they will also be learning the common exception words.



An Information Booklet for Parents and Carers Year 4 Staff

Miss Gilbert
Miss Goddard
Mr Weatherley (Phase Leader)
Mrs Dobson
Mrs C
Miss Johnson
Mrs Pugh
Mrs Godrich
Mrs Bishop



What are we learning this half term?

In English, this half term our focus text will be *Wonka* by Sibéal Pounder. We will be writing a persuasive letter and a character description. We will also be developing our vocabulary so we can use ambitious vocabulary when we are writing.

Alongside our English teaching, we will be recapping key grammar features from the Year Four curriculum. In Reading, we will be using VIPERS, which is a range of reading prompts to develop skills such as using vocabulary, inference and making predictions.

In Maths, we are continuing our Multiplication and Division topic, before moving onto Length and Perimeter. We will also be continuing to work hard on increasing the speed and fluency of our times tables.

In Geography, we will be learning about the different climate zones and deciding how we can time travel.

In Science, we will be learning about states of matter and how we can use heating and cooling to change the state of different materials.

Key Texts

Year Four's class novel will be *Wonka* by Sibéal Pounder

Reading scrapbook

As part of developing our love of reading, one child in year 4 will bring home a reading scrapbook for two days. We ask that this is returned promptly to allow every child to have the opportunity to complete the scrapbook. In this, they will create a scrapbook page to recommend a book they have read to their friends. These will then be shared with the whole class.

Dates for diary

Residential - Monday 1st June - Wednesday 3rd June

P.E Days

Our P.E days this half term will be Thursday.

On P.E. day, children should come to school in their PE kit, which is as follows: plain white t-shirt, school jumper, black shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms and plain trainers. PE will be both inside and outside throughout the year so children should be prepared for all weathers.

Jewellery should not be worn during PE lessons. Earrings that can't be removed (due to newly pierced ears) should be taped over.

What to bring to school

- Water bottle
- School bags
- Reading records
- Home reading books

Contact

For concerns or queries relating to your child's learning, speak to one of the Year 4 class teachers or Mr Weatherley (Phase Leader). The easiest method is to speak to one of us at the end of the school day. However, you can also contact us via the below email address:

LKS2@tnhps.rklt.co.uk

Other concerns relating to absence, school uniform, lunches etc. should be directed to the school office.