

Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,
We hope you have had a lovely summer break! We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead in Year 4. We hope you find the following information in this booklet helpful for the coming Autumn term.

Autumn Term 2025

Wildcats will be taught by Mr Warwick every day except for Tuesdays. Mr Hewitt will be teaching Wildcats class on this day.
Butterflies will be taught by Miss Brook.
The classes will be covered by our cover team of Mrs Bishop, Mr Hewitt and Miss Donald.

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

We will shortly be sending home a reading book that has been matched to your child's current reading level. It is important that they read this colour banded book so that they can read fluently. 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. We check reading records daily, so if your child has read please return the reading record to school the next day.

When reading at home, please encourage your child to read with fluency, confidence and expression. This may mean re-reading the same paragraph or page several times to practice. Practice makes progress!

Towards the end of Year 4, the children will complete an online times tables test. Much of Year 4 will be focused around times table practice and building fluency, so that they can complete their test with confidence. Supporting your child at home by regularly practicing 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. Each week they will bring home 10 spellings to learn in an orange book. Please return this book to school **every Friday** for their spelling test.



An Information Booklet for Parents and Carers

Year 4 Staff

Mr Warwick
Miss Brook
Mrs Hunter
Mrs Pugh
Miss Johnson
Mrs Dobson
Mrs Bishop
Mr Hewitt
Miss Donald



What are we learning this half term?

In English, this half term our focus text will be *A Series of Unfortunate Events: A Bad Beginning* by Lemony Snicket. We will be writing instructions and considering an alternative opening for the book to form a narrative. We will also be linking our Geography learning to our writing by creating a travel brochure about Greece.

Alongside our English teaching, we will be learning 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 looking at the place value topic before progressing onto calculating (adding and subtracting). 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 Greece. We will be exploring Greek culture, the climate and weather and we will be able to locate Greece on a map.

In Science, we will be learning about Electricity. We will explore how to make a circuit and think about how to be safe with electricity.

Key Texts

Year Four's first class novel will be "A Series of Unfortunate Events: A Bad Beginning" by Lemony Snicket

Parent welcome meeting

We are hosting a parent welcome meeting on Monday 21st September at 9am in the small hall. Please enter school via the school office. The meeting is to make introductions and an opportunity for sharing what Year 4 will look like for your children. We hope that many of you can attend, but if you can't make it, we will send out any information after the meeting.

Dates for diary

Monday 21st September – Yr4 Parent welcome meeting

Thursday 15th October – Yr4 Whitkirk church visit – Harvest

Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th October – parents evening

Residential – Wednesday 7th July – Friday 9h July.

P.E Days

Our P.E day this half term will be Thursday. Children need to be prepared to be outdoors for PE every week.

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
- Spelling book (Fridays)

Contact

For concerns or queries relating to your child's learning, speak to one of the Year 4 class teachers or Mr Warwick (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.