

Welcome to Year 4

The children have settled in well to their new year groups. The following information is designed to help you understand what happens in Year 4 and how to support your child.

Timings Year 4 children should arrive in school **by 8:45am (doors open at 8:35am)**. They should be **collected at 3:15pm**.

Staff:

Koalas: Mr Wilson (Year3/4 Phase Leader)

Kangaroos: Ms Gregory (Monday-Thursday)
& Mr Dowse (Monday afternoons, every other Thursday morning and Fridays).

Mrs Khela is a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant who provides cover for Mr Wilson and also supports in classes across the phase.

Mrs Witts and Mrs Hallett are TAs in Years 4 mainly working in Kangaroos.

Topics in Year 4:

Autumn term: Ancient Egypt



Spring term: Rivers



Summer term: Anglo-Saxons
and Vikings



PE/Outdoor Games:

Indoor and outdoor PE are both on a **Wednesday afternoon**. Children should come to school wearing appropriate indoor PE kit, including trainers. For outdoor PE, we will go out in most weathers. Children need to be warm enough over the winter and cool in the summer. Therefore, dark tracksuit bottoms (preferably black) plain white t-shirts and plain dark jumpers/tracksuit tops are required in the winter, while plain dark shorts and white t-shirts are needed in the warmer months.

All earrings must be removed or taped over for PE sessions. If your child has their ears pierced, please ensure they can either remove them or provide micro-pore tape for them to be covered (this can be purchased in supermarkets and pharmacies.) If possible, it would be appreciated if children could leave earrings at home on PE days.



Reading books:

Children will soon be able to choose a library book to take home. When finished, these should be returned to school. Year 4 library day is Tuesday. Children also have access to books in our Year 4 book area and in the classes.



Homework:



All children in Year 4 are expected to **read** at home **at least 3 times a week**. Please read regularly with your child. In Year 4, it is still really important that the children are reading aloud to an adult and particularly, discussing vocabulary meanings.

Children also need to practise their **times tables** and **spelling lists**.

Sometimes, longer projects are set and when this happens, the due date and details will be sent out.

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"
reads **20 minutes**
each day

3600 minutes in
a school year

1,800,000 words



90th percentile

Student "B"
reads **5 minutes**
each day

900 minutes in
a school year

282,000 words



50th percentile

Student "C"
reads **1 minute**
each day

180 minutes in
a school year

8,000 words



10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

[Nagy & Herman, 1987]

Trips & Themed Days

In Autumn 2, children will have the chance to show off their wonderful Ancient Egypt homework projects (details to be sent out soon) in a museum-style showcase.

A trip to the Beaulieu River has been organised for the spring term to enhance their learning about rivers.

In the summer term we are planning to hold a Viking themed day as part of their Tanners Brook 7 for 7 experiences.

Year 4 also have Forest School sessions on a Monday afternoon. Details about this will be sent out soon.

TBPS Friends

Our school friends committee is always looking for more volunteers to help them organise and run fundraising events. If you are able to help, please contact the office who will advise you of the time and date of the next meeting.

Any questions?

If you have any questions or queries, we are always available on the Year 4 door at the end of the day. Alternatively, you can send in a note to for us to read or send us an e-mail via info@tannersbrookpri.org.uk.