

Class 4

Thank you to those who attended the 'Meet the teacher' session yesterday afternoon. Just as a reminder, and for those of you who were unable to attend, here is some key information for Class 4.

Home Learning

Home learning will be **set on a Wednesday** and is due in the following **Monday morning**. Children will have a mixture of English/Topic work and Maths, most likely times tables. Children will be encouraged to use **Times Tables Rockstars** weekly as this will help prepare them for the technical side of the Multiplication Check at the end of Year 4. Year 5 children will continue to consolidate their understanding and recall of times tables as this will really help them with the new maths concepts that they will encounter over the next couple of years. Please sign your child's home learning book to say you have seen it each week.

Children will also be expected to read daily and will bring reading records home that we would like to be signed when you hear them read. Please listen to your child read and discuss texts with them.

The library will be open before school soon (date to be confirmed) and Class 4's library day will be a Tuesday.

Reading

Please listen to your child read their school book and if you are able to, have another book chosen by your child to read together. Class 4's library day is a Tuesday and children will be able to visit the library and choose a book between 8.45 and 8.55am. We will be sharing the book 'The Lost Whale' by Hannah Gold to start the year. Other books by this author include 'The Last Bear' (which Year 5 children enjoyed listening to last year) and its sequel 'Finding Bear', due to be released this month.

PE

Children will need to wear PE kit to school on a Monday and a Thursday. Children **must** have shin pads on a Monday. Some may choose to put their shin pads in a small drawstring bag and keep them on their peg so they have them every week. If children have football boots, these can be brought in too. Please don't buy football boots just for these lessons.

Years 4 and 5 will be swimming in the Autumn term (first swim is Thursday 21st September) and letters with more information will be sent home soon. Children will still wear their PE kit to school on swimming days.

Long hair must be tied back and earrings should be taken out on PE days.

Year 4 Multiplication Check

By the end of Year 4, the National Curriculum states that all should recall multiplication facts up to, and including, 12 x 12. There is an online check during June consisting of 25 questions. Children will have six seconds to enter their response to the question. Please support your children learning their times tables at home.

In the past, children have enjoyed chanting a different times table as they go up and down the stairs, as they're on a walk or in the car. They have used a pack of cards to play 'Clear the Pack', used dice and multiplied them together and have used 'Topmarks' (an online game).

Reminders

- Thank you to everyone who has sent a picture of their child reading in to school – these are looking great and are printed ready for the front of their English books. If you have not sent in a picture, please could you do so asap.
- School begins at 8.45am and children come straight into Class 4 where their spelling task will be waiting for them.

If you have any empty (and clean), 'Pringles'/'Snackrite' tubes at home, Class 4 are collecting them for an art project next half term (November). Any help would be greatly appreciated!

Please do not bring backpacks to school as there is limited space in the cloakroom.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office to arrange an appointment or speak to me after school.

Miss Powis