

Welcome to Year 4

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Welcome to year 4, we hope you had a good summer holiday and are looking forward to your year ahead.

Here are just a few important events and daily routines that you should familiarise with, to enhance your child's learning at school and most importantly at home.

Home learning- This year's home learning will be given out on a Friday and it will need to be returned on the following Monday. Both English and Maths will be given out on alternate weeks to allow the children to focus on one area of their learning from that week. Home learning will be given out in the form of a sheet, selected pages from their new Year 4 CGP books or Google Classroom. Whether it be a paper copy in their Home Learning folder or pages completed in books we will expect to see these in school every week. We will be marking with the children sometime within the week. You will be notified on the Friday via MarvellousMe what the home learning for the week will be. Any problems regarding MarvellousMe or completing home learning please feel free to come and see one of the Year 4 team, as we know how busy family life can be.

We will also be sending home weekly spellings. The focus for these will be the Year 4 common exceptions words and any topic related vocabulary. You can find the Year 4 common exceptions words in your child's Reading Record (page 34 and 35). The spelling test will take place on a Friday every week.

Reading- At Woodlands we see Reading at the heart of the curriculum that builds the bridges into the rest of their academic learning. Children will be developing and enhancing their reading in fun and exciting ways whilst at school, **we please ask that you listen to your child daily and comment/sign their reading record.** There are examples of how to complete the reading record along with questions to ask your child on pages 11 – 16 and 29 - 31. In school, we aim to listen to your child read regularly and expect their reading books and **records to be in school every day.**

Inside the front cover of your Reading Record you will find your login details for Purple Mash, Google Classroom and TT Rockstars. These logins are the same as last year.

PE- Year 4 will have PE lessons on a **Thursday**. This year we are asking children to come to school in their PE kit. Please ensure your child wears the appropriate indoor or outdoor PE kit, as lessons will take place outside throughout the winter. Children will need to bring their uniform with them so they can get changed after their lesson. Can we also ask that all jewellery including earrings are removed before school.

On a **Wednesday**, children will also be completing the Weekly Mile. Children will need to wear suitable footwear to take part. If you would like your child to change from their school shoes, please could you bring a change of footwear for this day.



Stationary

We will provide stationary however, we know children love to bring in their own. To help we have made a little list of things your child will need if you would like to buy them anything.

- Pencil case
- Glue stick (with child's name on)
- Whiteboard pen (any colour)
- Highlighters (any colour)
- Rubbers
- Sharpener

Please label equipment with your child's name so it will help us return them if they get lost.

We endeavour to keep you up to date through MarvellousMe on any news that we have or events that are coming up, such as school visits and home learning projects. If you require a new log in or help on setting up MarvellousMe please let us know.

Feel free to come and speak to us or contact us through year4@woodlands.walsall.sch.uk if you have any queries at all.

Thank you for your cooperation

Yours faithfully

Year 4 team - Mrs Newton, Mrs Rich, Mrs Wilkes, Miss Hancock and Miss Froggatt