

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 yourselves 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 in their new purple Home Learning folders. We will expect to see these in school every week. We will mark the Maths Home Learning in a Maths lesson therefore this needs to be completed.

We are hoping to have ClassDojo up and running very soon and will let you know as soon as it is ready to launch. This will be a great way for you to stay up to date with school events, important information, and our weekly updates from Year 4.

We will also be sending home weekly challenges through our new Spelling platform- Spelling Shed. More information on this will follow.

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, Spelling Shed, Google Classroom and TT Rockstars.

PE- Year 4 will have PE lessons on a **Thursday**. Children will need 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 **Thursday**, children will also be completing the Weekly Mile. Children can wear their PE trainers which will already be in school.

Stationery

We will provide stationery 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
- Pencils (with child's name on)
- 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.

Bags

In years 3 and 4, we have very limited space to store bags in our learning rooms and the cupboards we have in the corridors are suitable for only storing coats. For this reason, we would just like to kindly ask you not to send children to school with rucksacks and backpacks please as we do not have the space to store these.

At the beginning of year 4, your child will be given a clear book bag to keep their reading book and records in. Please remind your child not to put their water bottle in these as they are likely to break if they do. The plastic book bags are only suitable for reading records and books.

If your child requires another bag they can choose whether to bring a book bag, draw string bag or another small bag (no larger than a book bag). Your child's PE kit will need to be in a drawstring bag so that they will fit in our PE kits boxes. There is no obligation to have Woodlands Logo bags.



Book bag



Drawstring bag

We also ask that children only have one small keyring attached to their bag to help them identify them if they wish. Large keyrings, toys, games, hand gels and lip gloss keyrings are not permitted and we will ask that they are removed. This is because many large keyrings are getting damaged or broken and they are distracting for the children at home time.

On days when children need to change their uniform (e.g. forest school days or PE days) then your child can bring a rucksack for this day. If your child is having a packed lunch, then a lunch box can be brought into school and stored in our lunch box tubs which are stored in the corridor outside your child's learning room.

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 and Mrs Wilkes.