

**Welcome back!**

Hello everyone and welcome to Year 4! I hope you have all had a lovely summer and are ready for the challenges ahead this year. I look forward to teaching the children again and helping them to make lots of progress. If you have any concerns or questions, please get in touch by making an appointment through the school office or via Class Dojo. Let’s hope we have a great year!

Mrs Kirkwood and Mr Hegarty.

**Believe, Achieve, Soar with Pride**



**PE**

Our PE lessons take place on Tuesdays (swimming) and Wednesdays. PE kits should be left in school Monday-Friday to ensure your child has their kit for every session (red T-shirt and black or navy blue shorts/jogging trousers). Please make sure children are fully prepared for indoor or outdoor lessons depending on the weather.

Jewellery cannot be worn during PE sessions so please remove earrings from children on these days if they cannot take them out themselves. Thank you!

Year 4 Newsletter

**Important reminders**

Remember to have your book bags containing your personal organiser and reading book in school every day. We expect children to read at home and for an adult to comment/sign the personal organiser at least 3 times per week. For any child who struggles to keep up with reading at home, they can make use of playtimes or teatime club to do this.

Children should bring a **labelled** water bottle each day but toys or other personal belongings are not required.

We are continuing to use Class Dojo to reward children, share photos and give updates on class activities. New login details are available for all parents. Please contact Mrs Kirkwood if you have any issues with registering or accessing your account.

**Y4 Multiplication Tables Check**

Times Tables Rockstars and other strategies will be used in school and encouraged to be used at home where possible to help prepare children for the online multiplication tables check for Y4 pupils which will be carried out in the summer term. TTRS login details will be sent out again for this.

The [national curriculum](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-curriculum-in-england-mathematics-programmes-of-study) specifies that pupils should be taught to recall the multiplication tables up to and including 12 × 12 by the end of year 4 so please support the children with this.



**This term’s topics**

Science – States of matter and animals including humans.

History - Why did the Romans march through County Durham?

Geography - What can we discover about Europe?

Art and design – Pop art (paint/collage)

Design and Technology - Mechanical systems – levers and linkages

RE - What do we know about the Bible and why is it important to Christians?

Computing – Coding and online safety

Music – Interesting time signatures and combining elements to make music.

Languages (French) – phonics and presenting myself

**School uniform**

Children must come into school wearing the correct uniform. This includes a **red** polo shirt, **black or grey** trousers/skirt, a **navy** jumper/cardigan and **black** shoes. Tracksuits and leggings are not permitted.

Please ensure children don’t bring toys to school or anything that might distract them or others from their learning.

**Spelling/times tables**

Across the year, children will continue to learn about spelling rules and different times tables and will get regular homework to help them develop their knowledge in these areas. If you wish to extend their learning at home, children can practise spellings from a spelling list I will provide and continue to develop fluency with all the multiplication tables up to and including 12 x 12.



