

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 4! I hope you have had a lovely summer break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new school year. We're looking forward to welcoming the children back and getting started.

We have lots to look forward to this half term, with some exciting topics and activities planned across the curriculum. I have included an overview of this term's learning so you can see what the children will be exploring over the coming weeks.

Miss Long will be our teaching assistant this year. She will be working alongside me to support the children with their learning and throughout the school day.

Stationery

To help the children come to lessons prepared and ready to learn, please make sure they have the following stationery. It would be helpful if everything could be clearly labelled with your child's name, as items have a habit of wandering!

- Several HB pencils
- Erasers
- A pencil sharpener
- A 30cm ruler
- Glue sticks
- Whiteboard pens
- A green biro pen
- Coloured pencils
- Colouring pens (optional)

Homework, Spellings and Times Tables

Homework will be set each Friday and will be due back the following Friday. This will include maths and spellings, with activities set on Maths Shed and Spelling Shed from Friday 11th September. Log-in details will be sent home next week.

The children will have a spelling test each Friday based on the spellings they have been practising that week. We will also focus on a particular

times table each week, followed by a short test on Friday. Regular practice throughout the year will help the children build their confidence and prepare for the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check in June.

Reading

Reading regularly at home is one of the most valuable ways you can support your child's learning. We encourage all children to read every day, even if it is just for 10–15 minutes. Regular reading helps to develop fluency, vocabulary, comprehension and, most importantly, a love of books.

We will visit the school library once a week, where children can choose up to two books to take home and return the following week. They are also welcome to borrow books from our class reading corner.

P.E. and Swimming

P.E. will take place every Wednesday. Children should come to school wearing their P.E. kit on this day.

Swimming lessons will take place every Tuesday throughout Autumn 1 and Autumn 2. Please make sure your child brings a one-piece swimsuit or fitted swimming trunks (not shorts), a towel and a swimming cap in a suitable bag.

Keeping in Touch

If you have any questions or concerns or need to let us know about a change to collection arrangements, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

My email address is: awilkhu@westonturville.bucks.sch.uk

Thank you in advance for your support. I'm looking forward to getting to know the children and working together with you throughout the year. Here's to a happy, busy and memorable year in Year 4!

Yours sincerely,

Miss Wilkhu and the Year 4 Team

English

Book: Hunt for the Golden Scarab by M. G. Leonard

Science

Animals including humans – teeth and healthy eating

R.E.

Hinduism: Do murtis help Hindus understand God?

Topic

Ancient Egypt

French

Revision of animals
Classroom instructions

P.E.

Swimming
Egyptian dance

Maths

Number & place value
Addition & subtraction

PSHE

Health & wellbeing: strengths, skills and interests

Art

The Egyptians and the arts - printing

Music

Singing, performing and composing using *Mamma Mia*

Class 4
Autumn 1

