

Welcome to Year 4

4AJ Class Profile

Meet the Year 4 Team

Teachers

Miss Johnson (4AJ)

Mr D Cox (4DC)

Mr Scurr
(Additional Teacher)

Learning Support Staff

Mrs Anne Marie McElhatton

Mrs Pickering

Mrs Bramley

Homework:

Information regarding the homework that your children will receive in Year 4 can be found on the home learning sheet that will be sent out in September.

Dear Parents

I am Miss Johnson, your child's class teacher next year.

Welcome to Year 4!

We are very much looking forward to this coming year and we hope the children are too! There will be an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher at Parents' Meetings. However, if in the meantime there is anything you wish to discuss with us, please do not hesitate to contact us. We hope you all have an exciting and restful summer.

Your child can enter their classroom from the Year 3 & 4 corridor, entering either from the Year 1 & 2 courtyard or the playground doors. Usually the classroom doors will be open from 8.30am so that the children are settled for registration at 8.45am. At the end of the school day, the children will exit their classrooms at 3.15pm.

A little bit about myself: Hi 4AJ! Something to know about me is that I love to travel and explore the world around me. I also think it's really important to stay active and find a hobby you enjoy, so I've recently started indoor rock climbing which is a lot of fun!

What to expect in Year 4: There are many things to look forward to in Year 4. All being well, we hope to have many exciting trips such as Everdon, Holdenby and Bikeability Level 1. The children will learn about lots of exciting topics such as The Mayans, India and Vikings. We will have many opportunities to further develop our knowledge and also have fun. The children also move from pencil to pen when we feel they are ready and will earn their 'Pen Licence' and be given their own pen to use.

What we expect from you: In the mornings, Year 4 children come into school independently and unpack their things so that they can get on with the morning tasks and activities set by the teacher. During the day, they do their best to carry out the tasks set to the best of their ability; they are respectful of their peers and teachers. At the end of the day, they pack away independently, look after their own belongings and manage their space appropriately. All we ask is that they always try their best and approach each day with a positive and can-do attitude.

What you will need to bring with you each day: In Year 4 we ask that the children continue to use book bags rather than rucksacks as these can fit neatly in their trays. They will also need a water bottle, indoor and outdoor PE Kit, hairband if needed and trainers. Please can all items be clearly named. Your child may wish to bring in a reading book from home, which would be great, but they can always choose one from the bookshelves in the Year 4 area if they would prefer to.

Summer project: Be creative and show me something that you have learned in Year 3. This could be your favourite topic from the year or a particular lesson you found the most interesting. You might want to: make a video, design a PowerPoint or create a poster or leaflet. I look forward to seeing your creativity shine.

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Times Tables

By the end of Year 3, you are expected to know your 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8-times tables off by heart. Many of you are doing a great job with your times tables so we suggest that you keep working hard on Times Table Rock Stars throughout the summer break to speed up your recall and ensure that you don't forget them. Remember, you will have more tables to learn in Year 4, so the more you know now, the better. Other Maths topics that you could easily revise at home are telling the time and money.

Reading

We also feel that it is essential that you read as much as possible over the break, as this will give you so many wonderful ideas that you can incorporate into your own writing. You could always sign up to the Towcester Library Reading Challenge where you can log the books that you have read and earn a certificate!

Spellings

We think it would be helpful with your preparations for Year 4 if you were to regularly have a think about the common exception words for Year 3 and 4. They can be found here:

<https://nicholashawksmoor.co.uk/permalink/4500.html>.

Health & Wellbeing

In our school, we use a range of resources to discuss our own lives and our understanding of others. BBC Bitesize has a wide variety of resources and videos to use as discussion topics focussing on emotional wellbeing, self-awareness, respecting differences and more. The 'classroom ideas' provided will give advice on how to discuss these topics and questions to think about.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zqtnvcw>

Summer challenge (project)

As mentioned on the previous page you may want to be creative and show off all that you know from Year 3 - I would love to see and hear all about what you have learnt and enjoyed. I have heard from your Year 3 teachers that many of you have enjoyed the topics covered, so if you have especially enjoyed any of your recent topics, such as 'Scientists and Inventors' or 'The Anglo-Saxons', you could always continue your learning in these areas by carrying out your own research and showing this when you come back in September.

Finally, I would like to wish you all well and hope that you all have a lovely summer and some well-deserved family time. I can't wait to meet you all in September!