

# Welcome to Year 4

## 4GP Class Profile

### Meet the Year 4 Team

#### Teachers

Mrs Gilchrist (4GP)



Mrs Posnett (4GP)



Mrs Brawn (4HB)



#### Learning Support Staff

Mrs Hammond



Mrs Hancon



Mrs Pickering



Mrs Brown



#### 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

We are Mrs Gilchrist & Mrs Posnett, your child's class teachers 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 relaxing 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 ourselves:** Hello 4GP! Something to know about us is that we have both worked at NHPS for hundreds of years and love it! We are both really looking forward to meeting you all in September. We are going to have so much fun.

Mrs Gilchrist- I love reading, being outdoors, going on long walks, swimming in the sea, watching the Six Nations Rugby, going on holiday and spending time with my family. I also really enjoy listening to music, being creative and I like most things with fur and four legs too; particularly dogs and horses. My favourite subjects to teach are Art, Writing, Maths, and History, but I especially enjoy learning about something new.

Mrs Posnett- I enjoy the great outdoors, reading and spending time with my family. I love dogs and have an enormous Belgian Malinois who is the size of a horse! My favourite food is Pizza and I like going out to restaurants!

**What to expect in Year 4:** There are many things to look forward to in Year 4. We have many exciting events such as the Everdon Residential Trip, Holdenby House Visit 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 our Year 4s:** 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 they will need to bring in 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. Please can they bring in a small pencil case with a pencil, ruler, rubber and some colouring pencils too if they wish. 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

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### **Times Tables**

By the end of Year 3, children are expected to know 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8-times tables off by heart. Many of them are doing a great job with their times tables but we would like them to keep working hard on Times Table Rock Stars throughout the summer break. This will help them to speed up instant recall and ensure that they don't forget them. Other Maths topics that you could easily revise at home are telling the time and money. So please let them spend some pocket money too!

### **Reading**

We also feel that it is essential that the children read as much as possible over the break, as this will give them many wonderful ideas that they can incorporate into their own writing. The Towcester Library Reading Challenge where you can log the books that they have read and earn a certificate! The link below will take you to a list of great books to look out for: <https://www.nicholashawksmooracademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/KS2-Suggested-Reading-List.pdf>

### **Spellings**

We think it would be helpful with the children's preparations for Year 4, if they practise spelling words that they found tricky in their Year 3 English Books. As they read, it would also be useful to write down any new / unfamiliar words to discuss and look up with parents. Can they bring in a list of new words in September to share with us? We love ambitious vocabulary!

**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.

### **Summer challenge (project)**

As mentioned on the previous page we would love the new Year 4s to get creative and show off all that have learned from Year 3. We would love to see and hear all about a topic that they particularly enjoyed which they can research further and create a piece of work that they can share with us in September.

Finally, we hope you all have a fantastic summer holiday with your families and friends making lots of memories too. We look forward to hearing all about it in September. See you then!