September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 4! This is just a short message to introduce myself and some of the routines for your child this year. My name is Miss Lowrie and I am really looking forward to working with you and your children this year. More than ever this is a very important year for your child. I hope you will continue to support your child as they progress through this year.

**READING**

Every child will have their reading checked daily; therefore it is very important that your child has their reading book in school everyday. Your child needs to read 15 minutes each night and their reading record, signed. Books are now changed on a Thursday.

Re-reading books is an important part of learning, particularly when trying to understand a book more confidently and consolidate a good knowledge of a text. Your child may sometimes bring home a book they have already read to read again. This does not mean they are struggling or being ‘held back’, it is an opportunity to revisit a text and become more familiar with it and develop confidence.

**P.E.**

The children will have P.E. on a Monday. The children are to keep their kit in school and take it home at the end of the half term to be washed; this ensures that they can do P.E. and do it safely. The kit should include a pair of navy shorts, a white t-shirt and a pair of trainers (navy or black leggings may be worn if required as we are doing PE outside), which all needs to be labelled. For health and safety reasons children are not allowed to wear jewellery during a P.E. lesson.

**SWIMMING**

We will be going swimming every Friday. No earrings to be wore while swimming, even studs.

**TIME TABLES TEST**

In June/July next year, your child will take part in the ‘Times Table Test’. Your child will have 25 questions to read, based on multiplication facts from their 2s to their 12s times tables. A 6 second time limit placed on each question. The test will last around five minutes and a ‘Pass or Fail’ mark will be given at a later date. At home, you can practice on a range of online games to help build confidence and knowledge in your child throughout the year.

https://www.timestables.co.uk/

https://www.mathsisfun.com/tables.html

https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

The Bible Jesus, the Teacher

The Early Christians

Trust in God

Jesus the Saviour

The Church.

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**SCIENCE**

In Science we will be exploring 5 units over the Year.

1. What’s the Sound?

2. Living Things

3. Looking of States

4. Teeth and Eating

5. Power it up

**HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY**

Each term we will explore either a History or Geography unit.

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| Term | Geography | History |
| Autumn 1 | The Americas |  |
| Autumn 2 |  | Ancient Egypt |
| Spring 1 | Rivers and the Water Cycle |  |
| Spring 2 |  | Ancient Romans |
| Summer 1 | Earthquakes and Volcanoes |  |
| Summer 2 |  | Crime and Punishment |

**HOMEWORK**

Homework is given on Wednesday and it consists of Spellings/handwriting, Times tables, a comprehension. The Homework book should be returned by Monday morning. I hope you will support them in this as much possible, as help and support at home has a greater impact.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Miss Lowrie - Class teacher.