



Ratby Primary School

Inspiring a love of learning

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Welcome to Year 4

We welcome you and your child to Year 4 and hope that you will find the following information useful. However, if you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

We understand that this year may present some difficulties with children settling back into school and we have been planning for many weeks to ensure children are returning to a welcoming environment, mindful of the amount of time some children have had away from school. We have been working hard to ensure our curriculum is focused on well-being and supports children in settling back into school life - we have lots of fun and engaging activities planned to engage children back into school and connect with their peers again.

We will also be carrying out some assessments in the first few weeks to establish starting points for your child's learning in English and Maths. These assessments will enable us to plan lessons that focus on recapping areas of Year 3 that may not be secure or that may have been missed, this will then support learning that progresses into the Year 4 curriculum.

The Year 4 Team

The class teachers in Year 4 are Mrs Thomas and Mr Barber (Mars) and Mrs Brown (Venus). The learning support assistants are Mrs Pasch, Mrs Watts (Mars and Venus) and Mrs Williamson (Venus).

In Year 4, we like to hear about any concerns you may have. Please feel free to write these in your child's Home School Diary which is checked daily. We are always happy to listen to and answer any questions regarding your child's schooling.

Attendance and Punctuality

Regular and punctual attendance is essential if children are to gain maximum benefit from school, therefore we ask that:

- Your child arrives at school at 8.45am every day.
- If your child is absent, please ring the school before 8.45am to explain why.
- If your child is going to be absent at a future date, please complete an absence form from the main reception.
- Children in Year 4 who arrive at school late and after the 9:00 am arrival time must enter the school through the office as the registers will have been taken.
- If your child has had sickness and/or diarrhoea, they are required to remain off school for at least 48 hours after the last episode.



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Behaviour

At Ratby Primary School we believe pupils should be rewarded both collectively and individually. Therefore, we operate two systems of reward. Individually, children can earn Class Dojo Points as well as earning House Points.

We have a code of conduct known as our '**Good to be Green Rules**' derived through discussion with the children and which we expect every member of school to uphold. The '**Good to be Green**' rules have been formulated with the safety and well-being of the children in mind, and to enable the school to function efficiently as a place of learning.

Our Code of Conduct is:

- We try our best and never give up
- We listen carefully to others without interrupting.
- We are kind and helpful.
- We are always honest and tell the truth
- We keep ourselves and other safe.
- We are polite to everyone.

The '**Good to be Green**' system has a **3-tier** intervention behaviour management system in class – **verbal warning, yellow warning and red consequence**. This ties in conveniently with the "Good to be Green" cards. Children given a yellow consequence card will lose 2 Dojo points and those given a red consequence card will lose 5 Dojo points.

Class Dojo points are awarded by a member of staff online. Children can watch as their points grow. Ultimately, the 'instant' and 'fun' nature of Dojo points is in the best interest of children.

More information on our School Behaviour Policy and Anti-Bullying Policy can be downloaded on our school website.

Year 4 Curriculum

In Year 4 we follow Cornerstones, which is a creative and thematic approach to learning that is mapped to the new 2014 Primary National Curriculum to ensure comprehensive coverage of national expectations. Our curriculum will be delivered through Imaginative Learning Projects (ILPs) which will provide a rich menu of exciting and motivating learning activities that make creative links between all aspects of our children's learning.

Over the Autumn Term our first Topic will be Gods and Mortals. Please see the attached Topic Web for more information on how you can help your child at home.



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Homework

Spellings in Year 4 will be set on a Monday and will be checked on the following Monday. Times Tables will be set on a Tuesday and will need to be submitted on the following Tuesday. In addition to this, we ask that children read regularly at home at least 4 times a week. Reading with an adult is extremely beneficial in improving children's fluency and comprehension. Please make a comment and sign when you have read with your child in their Reading Record. We will also set challenges on My Maths and Times Table Rock Stars, so please check these each week and complete as many challenges as possible.

PE kits

In Year 4, we currently have one weekly PE session. Lessons will take place outside or in the school hall. The PE session in Year 4 will take place on a **Tuesday**. Please ensure your child arrives to school in their outdoor PE kit and with a waterproof coat on these days. Jewellery will need to be removed or earrings can be taped but we are no longer allowed to do so. Lessons will be outside where possible. Please make sure that your child is able to tie their own shoes laces if they are wearing laced trainers, as we are not able to help with this due to the current safety measures in place so would recommend Velcro fastened ones if they struggle.

Other Information

- Children will **ONLY** be able to bring their own water bottle (clearly name labelled), lunchbox and the school book bag.
- Please send your child to school with a healthy snack for break time. (No chocolate or nuts)
- We will be using some cloakrooms but we endeavour for these to be as uncluttered as possible.

As mentioned above, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher regarding any aspect to do with your child and their schooling.

We look forward to an exciting year of learning and development.

Many Thanks,

Mrs Thomas, Mr Barber, Mrs Brown and the Year 4 Team