



## **Welcome to Year Four**

Year Group: 4

Class: 9


Teacher: Mr Gillespie

Teaching Assistant: Miss Naughten  
Mrs Hackney

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Please can you make sure all contact details and medical information is up-to-date on your Arbor app. If you have any queries please refer to the Arbor email from the summer term for instructions on how to access and amend your account. If you have any difficulties, please speak to a member of our office staff.



 If you need to contact us the school phone number is 01782 973810. Please note that when we ring you from this number it will show up as a withheld number.

You can e-mail us on [admin@knypersley.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@knypersley.staffs.sch.uk) and visit our school website for forms, policies, holiday dates, newsletters and much, much more at [www.knypersley.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.knypersley.staffs.sch.uk)



You can join us on Twitter to follow the daily fun we have in school @KnypersleyFirst

Facebook page to follow!

Each week you will receive a newsletter via email, it will also be on our website. Please ensure that you read this, so that you are fully informed of all the important information that you need regarding events and messages.



If you have any concerns, queries or questions about your child, our weekly drop in is on **Thursday** between **3:30pm and 4pm.**

There will be three parents meetings throughout the year for you to discuss your child's progress, achievements and next steps. Dates to be confirmed on the newsletter and website.



**Learning Together, Learning For Life.**

## Checklist...

- PE is on Wednesday this half term - please wear PE kits to school all day. (We will notify you when we swap to a Tuesday).
- Swimming on Tuesday—please wear your school uniform all day and bring your kit with you in a bag including a swimming hat)  
*Please ensure that earrings are removed before school on this day.*
- Home School Communication Folder sent in daily.
- Weekly spellings will be allocated on Spelling Shed on a Friday and need to be practised throughout the week for a test the following Friday
- Drop-in is on a Thursday.
- Complete at least three choice pieces of homework each half term, as well as the set menu activities weekly and daily.

## Other important information!

Forest School  
 Friday 4th November  
 Friday 11th November  
 Friday 18th November  
 Friday 25th November  
 Parent Engagement – Friday 2nd December

If your child is unwell or absent for ANY reason you **MUST** contact us that morning to let us know that your child is safe. Mrs Cooper and our Education Welfare Officer monitor attendance weekly and will contact parents of pupils who are raising concerns.



Please may we ask that you let us know if another member of the family or a friend is collecting your child at the end of the day. We need to make sure your child is safe when going home at the end of the day.



If you would like to help in school then we would be very pleased to see you! You can help for an hour or a whole day! You do need a DBS check with school. Please see Mrs Egerton or your class



teacher if you would like to help us.



The PTFA are a friendly bunch and raise lots amount of money for the children of the school. They organise events such as the Christmas and Summer Fayres and discos! Why not come along to a meeting and share your ideas?



## Our Curriculum



We have identified key, life long skills which we believe are integral to the future success of our children as life long learners. We call them our Curriculum Drivers. Our whole school curriculum provision develops and embeds these skills through a progressive and sequential approach. Our curriculum has been designed with our school context, resources and pupils in mind. For more information please visit our website and click on Our School, Curriculum and scroll down.



In English lessons your child will have the opportunity to listen to, read and write in different styles (genres) such as instructions, stories and reports, to name but a few. They will use speaking and listening, and drama to support and inspire their writing.



Our topics in Year 4 also link to our English and Maths topics too. Please see the next page for more information.

In Maths lessons your child will develop a variety of strategies in mental and written maths using the CPAR model—concrete (using objects such as Numicon, counters etc) pictorial (drawing), abstract (doing it in their head) and reasoning. We use White Rose Maths and other resources to compliment and expand their knowledge.



## Our Themes This Year...



### Valhalla

As we welcome the children back to a new school year we begin with the fabulous theme - Valhalla. This will focus on the Vikings invasion of Britain and their struggle with the Anglo-Saxons. It's an incredibly interesting topic and we can't wait to get going!



### Paving the Way

After the Christmas break we move onto the "Paving the Way" topic. During this term we will learn about famous Romans, including their way of life and their impact on modern day Britain.



### Emperors and Artisans

In the Summer term we will explore life in China during the time of the Shang Dynasty. This fascinating theme looks at life in an ancient civilisation and the geography of different parts of the world.

In Year 4 children take part in a statutory times tables check, which is a little like the Year 1 phonics check. To make this process much less stressful, each year group focusses on a limited number of times tables to learn and recall quickly. By the end of Year 3 we need the children to recall all of their times tables facts from 1x1 up to 12x12. We will practise in school as well but to give your child the best chance at success we ask that you practise we ask that you also practise at home.



Your child will **NEED** to bring their reading book and planner in their folder **EVERYDAY!** We shall hear your child read individually on their own as often as we can. Your child will also take part in our ERIC (everyone reading in class) lessons and will read a range of books by different authors. Your child will also be able to borrow a book from our school library every fortnight.

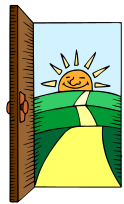
Parent Pay—dinner money, class visits and clubs are now paid for using Parent Pay. If you need a payment card then please see the office.



### Teachers 2 Parents-Texts

We do send important messages by text, as well as individual celebration messages. If you change your number please let us know!





Our doors open at 8:45am each morning. Messages can be given to the member of staff on the door, via email or the office. If you are late then please sign your child in at the office and remember to order a hot dinner if required.

### Staff who can help you...

All the staff can help - Your class teacher or year group staff.

### Our senior leadership team are as follows:

- \* Mrs Z Cooper – Head Teacher
- \* Mrs C Egerton – Assistant Head Teacher & English Lead
- \* Mr Gillespie– Inclusion Lead
- \* Mrs N Minton – Maths Lead
- \* Miss L Leese – EYFS Lead

### Parent Engagement

Macmillan Coffee Event - 30th September 2022  
World Mental Health Day - 10th October 2022  
Harvest Assembly - 21st October 2022  
Times Table Workshop - 9th November 2022  
Christmas Fair - 25th November 2022  
Forest school - 2nd December 2022  
Y4 Christmas Extravaganza (Xmas show) - 12th December 2022  
Times Table Day - 27th January 2023  
Safer Internet Parents Session - 14th February 2023  
Standon Bowers Sharing Event - 22nd March 2023  
Year 4 Sports Day - 26th June 2023  
Year 4 Leavers concert - 20th July 2023 (pm), 21st July 2023 (am)  
Year 4 Leavers picnic - 21st July 2023 (pm)



Homework will be sent home each half term on a homework menu and will be based on the learning that has taken place the half term before so that your child can apply what they have learnt.

Your child can choose the activities they wish to complete BUT they MUST complete at least three activities. Work can be completed and returned by email or in the home learning book which will be collected at the end of each half term.

### SET MENU

Weekly spellings using Spelling Shed  
Daily reading- just a couple of pages followed by a discussion about what has been read.  
Counting in different times tables and speed recall practise using TTRockstars

### CHOICE MENU

We add a variety of choices including design it, write it, explore it, perform it etc—these vary each half term to try to inspire everyone. Pick at least three of these each half term

