



Welcome to Year 4

September 2025

Start of day: 8:50am End of day: 3:15pm

Key Stage Two Phase Leader

Miss Raper

Classes in Key Stage Two

Y3: Mrs Hall/Mrs Harland

Y4: Miss Raper

Y5: Mrs Heasman

Y6: Mr Proud

Staff working with you children this year:

Miss Raper

Mrs Durance

Mrs Campbell

Mr Tinjod (French specialist)

Mr Thompson (Tees Valley Music Service)

Dear parent/carer,

A big welcome back from all of us in Year 4. All the staff in Year 4 are so excited to work with you and your child over the next year. Please remember that all members of staff are happy to speak with you at any time over the year regarding the learning and well-being of your child. Do not hesitate to contact us via our online platform (E-Schools) or by contacting the school office (01740 630270). Alternatively, we are happy to discuss any issues with you during morning or evening handovers provided we have additional supervision for our class.

Please find below some important information for this year.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Year 4 Topics:

Autumn Term

The Maya Civilisation

Rainforests

Spring Term

Brazil

WW2

Summer Term

WW2 Continued

India

Educational Visits:

Visit to Seven Stories -
The National Centre for
Children's Books.

WW2 visit and Workshop

We have a number of on-site educational visitors in school this year including a pantomime performance from M and M Theatre Group. We will provide half-termly updates via the school newsletter.

PE:

The designated day for Y4 PE is Monday. PE kits are required to be brought into school each half-term so that we can have flexibility with the weather for outdoor PE.

Throughout the year, children will have the opportunity to take part in a range of sporting events at Stockton Venues.

Swimming will take place during the Summer Term Monday 5th May until Friday 15th May 2026.

Below is a guide to homework.

Homework is set every Monday to be completed by the following Monday. Maths and English will be online via Educake (the children will receive details of this shortly) or Times Table Rock Stars. It is also important that children read at home regularly to aid with comprehension and fluency.

A Topic Homework Grid will be available on Eschools termly which has different activities the children can choose to complete. This can be done weekly and either brought into school or photographed/uploaded and sent via Eschools.

Day	What I need for school today	Homework Expectations
Monday	Reading Record and Reading Book PE Kit (in school)	Times Table Rockstars 10 minutes Reading at home 10 minutes
Tuesday	Reading Record and Reading Book	Times Table Rockstars 10 minutes Reading at home 10 minutes
Wednesday	Reading Record and Reading Book	Times Table Rockstars 10 minutes Reading at home 10 minutes
Thursday	Reading Record and Reading Book	Times Table Rockstars 10 minutes Reading at home 10 minutes
Friday	Reading Record and Reading Book	Times Table Rockstars 10 minutes Reading at home 10 minutes

Time Table Check

As you may be aware in the Summer Term Year 4 children will undertake a times table check. The purpose of this check is to determine whether your child can recall their times tables up to 12x12. It is important for children to have a good knowledge of their multiplication facts as this helps in all areas of Maths. In school, we use Times Table Rockstars as a fun way to practise times table knowledge and is therefore important that regular practice takes place. I will reissue TTRS log in details and passwords for the children shortly.

Year 4 Spelling Test

In year 4, your children will no longer take part in a weekly spelling test. We will be concentrating on learning a selection of words in our daily Jungle Club sessions each week which will be assessed in a writing exercise, designed to check that they can apply the spellings learned in their everyday writing. We will put a sample of these words on Eschools and it would be wonderful if your child would like to practice them at home, however, they will not receive a test or mark out of 10.

Love of Reading

In class, we will be covering a range of exciting texts as part of our English lessons. The class will also have the opportunity to visit our newly stocked library weekly on a Wednesday afternoon. Children will be able to borrow books from the library and keep them in their trays to read in school. I would also encourage any children who have books at home that they are enjoying reading to bring them to school for free reading times.

Developing good comprehension and reading fluency is essential. Attached is a list of the top fifty recommended books for your child's year group.

You may enjoy reading them together.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/recommended-reads/year-4/>