

# Moving into Year 4!



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**A place for high-flyers!**

## **Which adults will be with us?**

In Year 4 we have 3 classes Eagles, Falcons and Red Kites. The adults are:

### **Eagles**

Mr Johnson

### **Falcons**

Miss Mclean

### **Red Kites**

Mrs Parker

On a Thursday afternoon you may also have Mrs Conway, Mrs Longmate or Mrs Churchill.



Hi, my name is Mr Johnson and I am a Year 4 teacher. As literacy lead at the school, English is very much a favourite subject of mine although maths and science rank quite high on my list as well. My biggest passions though are history and PE. I have always enjoyed learning about the past whether through reading, watching documentaries or visiting historical destinations. Moreover, sport, and in particular cricket, is something that I enjoy watching, playing (often badly) and coaching both within and outside of school. I am looking forward to meeting all of you in the new academic year and learning about some fantastic new topics which range from the Romans and electricity to the Ancient Greeks and states of matter.



Hi I'm Mrs Parker and I taught Polar Bears last year and I'm excited about joining Year 4. I love PE and Art/DT and Science although my favourite is History and especially enjoy learning about the Romans, Greeks, Plantagenets and Tudors reading a History related book a week. I enjoy many crafts including painting, embroidery and pottery. I am looking forward to meeting all of you and teaching some new, fantastic topics. In Red Kite class I hope we will be a great team and care for each other but most importantly have fun!

Hi! I am Miss Mclean and I am a Year 4 teacher! There is so much to look forward to this year, including learning about volcanoes, the Romans, Greeks and the local area. I really love learning, especially with a tricky Math's challenge and enjoy reading exciting story pieces that you have written. I am looking forward to exploring the new learning together, finding ways to challenge you and help you progress with your learning. There will be opportunities for school trips, drama, swimming and some great PE lessons. I enjoy hearing about all the exciting things that you do at home (both your extra learning or adventures you have had) and I encourage you to share as much, or as little, as you want in the new year. I am looking forward to meeting all of you in the new academic year and starting our new adventure together.

## What is different about Year 4?

You will be glad to know there are far more similarities than differences between being in Year 4 than in Year 3.

### Snacks and lunches

You will need to continue to bring in your own snack for breaktime. These can be fruit/vegetables/cereal bars. Please no chocolate or nuts.

Just like Year 3 you can have packed lunch or school dinners.



### When is lunchtime?

Lunchtime starts at 12:40 with playtime outside, you will then be taken into the lunch hall for lunch. When you have finished your lunch you will be taken back up to your classrooms ready for afternoon learning.



### What should I bring to school?

- Children should have their PE kit in every day
- We encourage children to bring in a named water bottle
- Children in Year 4 should not bring in pencil cases - they will have all the necessary equipment at school

## Is the learning different?

As begun in Year 3, in Year 4 the children are encouraged to take an increasingly independent approach to their learning although support will always be offered to those that need it. Although the units and topics are obviously going to be different, the subjects themselves are the same as those taught in Year 3.



## Reading

Reading is absolutely crucial to a child's learning thus we place a strong emphasis on reading both within school and at home. There will be a chance everyday to do some reading on your own, with a partner or with the class. Some children, who need a little extra boost, will regularly read to an adult. Pupils are provided with the opportunity to make weekly visits to the library where they can choose from an increasingly wide range of high quality texts.

## Times Tables

At the end of Year 4 there is a statutory times tables test. Therefore, timetables are a focus for this year. We do this through games, chants and in our Maths lessons. We enjoy learning our times tables and are always working on the speed and accuracy with which we can recite them - remember to practice them at home as well.





## Homework

Each week:

- We like you to read as much as you can at home - there will be reading competitions throughout the year!
- You will also be given spellings for a test on a THURSDAY this is looking at phonics and spelling patterns.
- Homework will be a Maths or English task and an activity that is chosen from a grid - these are a range of activities relating to the term's topic. This will be set on a THURSDAY and should be handed in the following TUESDAY.

## PE

We will be having two PE sessions a week. We will also be having secondary taught PE lessons over in the secondary school sometimes too! Furthermore, you will be delighted to know that the children will be going swimming again although this is unlikely to be before the spring term! (more information will be sent out closer to the time)





## MFL



We are very lucky that this year we will be having either French or Spanish sessions once a week taught by secondary phase staff!

## Topics



The main topics that we will cover this year are:

- Extreme Earth
- The Romans
- The Ancient Greeks

We will have topic days (including the opportunity to dress up) and learn about these in lots of different ways.



## Green Park

During the summer term, you will have the opportunity to go on a residential trip to Green Park near Aston Clinton. Here, over the course of three days, you will participate in a range of fun challenges, including orienteering, bush craft and a low ropes course, that help to promote teamwork, build character and develop your independence.