

Parent Information  
Booklet  
2019-20



Blue Class  
Year 4

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# WELCOME TO BLUE CLASS



The purpose of this booklet is to provide you with some general information for your child's forthcoming year in our class. The children have settled well and we hope they enjoy their time in year 4 with us.

## Homework

Our home learning tasks will consist of:

- **Daily reading**
- **Maths of the Day**
- **TT Rockstars (Times Tables)**
  - **Spellings**
- **Homework Grid (linked to class project)**

**Daily Reading:** Reading books and planners should be brought into school every day. Reading completed at home should be recorded in their planner. In Key Stage 2 children will earn rewards for their efforts through Accelerated Reading. Once the children complete a book, they will complete an online quiz at school during the 'Accelerated Reading' session.

**Maths of the Day** This will be a maths activity and will be set weekly. The children will have tasks set each Monday and the deadline will be the following Monday.

**Spellings:** Your child will receive a weekly spelling list focussing on specific word patterns and spelling skills. Your child will need to spend time learning these words over the week ready for their **spelling test** on **Friday morning**. To help them try using the 'Look...say...cover...write...check' method.

**Times tables:** Your child will also have a '**times table(s)**' to practise over the week. The times tables set for practise each week will be on TT Rockstars. Please encourage them to learn them in a random order and also learn the inverse division fact. The '**times table(s)**' will be tested on a **Friday morning**. There is a Year 4 times tables check now in place at the end of the year which underlines its importance in our curriculum.

**Homework grid:** This includes a range of tasks related to the class project. Tasks can be completed in any order, depending on the time available at home, and completed pieces of work need to be brought into school. The items will frequently be used for display and the children praised for their endeavour!

*Thank you for your support with these weekly tasks, they are not always an easy thing to do with a busy family life but any help and interest you can give will have a very positive effect on your child's progress, confidence and understanding.*



## Important days of the week:



**Friday:** PE

**Wednesday:** Library

**Friday:** Spellings & times tables tests

## Dates for the Diary

Parent Consultations (Autumn): 15th/16th October 2018

Autumn half term: 21st - 25th October 2018

Christmas Holiday: 23rd December 2018 - 6th January 2019

Spring half term: 17th - 21st February 2019

Annual Reports sent home: 25th March 2019

Easter Holiday: 30th March - 13th April 2019

Summer Half term: 25th - 29th May 2019

Home study day (Parent Consultations): 6th July 2019

Last day of summer term: 21st July 2019

## Looking ahead...

We have a trip to the Eden Project on Monday 30th September, as well as a trip to the Tate Gallery in St Ives on the 16th September.

Beyond that we have our residential trip later in the year with more details to follow.



## Polite Reminders

The preferred method for payments is Parentmail—please see the office to sign up to this service. If the children do bring money into school please ensure that it is bought in a **named purse / wallet or envelope**.

Please ensure that **all clothes/uniform is labelled** and don't forget to inform the school of any changes in circumstance such as medical needs/change of contact number etc. as soon as possible



If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate in contacting me. If you need to have a quick word, then please catch me in the playground at the end of the school day or if you need a longer conversation, please see the school office for an appointment.



Thank you for your support and taking time to read through this booklet. If you have any questions, please ask.

## Our Curriculum



The children will receive daily reading, writing & maths lessons but the other subjects will be taught through our termly class projects.

We start with the interests of the children and then design learning opportunities that are relevant and engaging and have real world outcomes. Our topics for this year as follows:

**Autumn Term** – “Our world/Stone Age”. **Spring Term** – “Romans and Celts/Ancient Egypt”, **Summer Term** – “Victorian times/Plants and Animals.”

For their weekly languages (MFL) lessons, the children will be learning Spanish with Miss Crosse.

## PE:



Please could you ensure that your child has the necessary PE kit and that all clothes are labelled.

### PE Kit consists of:

- Coloured T shirt (Team colour)
- Black shorts
- Plimsolls/trainers

## Art:



It would be helpful if you could provide an old shirt/top for your child to wear for painting tasks.

## Reading:

We now use the ‘Accelerated Reader’ system and the children participate in daily sessions. Books are allocated based on regular assessments *(the results of which will be communicated through the planners)*. Books are changed during this session once the children have completed an online book quiz. At home, the children are expected to read each day, preferably sharing a book with an adult and this should be recorded in their planner.

