

Year 4 Parent/Carer Information

Welcome

We are enormously excited to welcome your children to Year 4 and hope that the following information will prove useful in aiding their transition to our year group.

Communication

Should you need to speak to your child's teacher, please do this at the start of the school day on the front playground, whenever possible. The office staff will be happy to make an appointment for you to meet Mrs Stearn or Miss Young after school if a longer meeting is required.

Equipment

Stationery is provided for pupils, though they are welcome to make use of their own during wet play.

Children should have a water bottle, along with their reading book and reading diary at school every day.

St John's PE kits should be clearly labelled and available throughout the week. During the winter, we suggest that children wear warmer clothes, such as jogging bottoms and long-sleeved tops, for outdoor PE lessons. Children will be swimming on Monday afternoons, later on in the year.

It may be helpful for children to have an old shirt or apron available for messier lessons such as Art and Design Technology.

A separate note will be sent home by Mrs Emery regarding the clothing required for Forest School sessions.

Home Learning

A sheet containing the weekly homework tasks will be handed out for the entire term at the beginning of each term. These activities will link to the children's learning in Maths, Literacy or our topic, which usually involves planning and making a creative home-school project. Homework is due in on Thursdays.

To reinforce and secure the work done in our weekly handwriting sessions, a practice sheet should be completed and handed in in homework folders on Thursdays. We look forward to seeing many of our pupils earning Pen Licences through their use of a neat, cursive script.

A topic overview will be sent home early each term, enabling you to have a sense of the learning activities the children will take part in and the subjects they may wish to research and explore with you at home.

Mathletics and BugClub continue to be excellent online resources for engaging and motivating children to learn at home. Passwords for these programmes will be given to pupils at the start of the academic year and available in classrooms.

Finally, children should read at home at least five times a week, recording their reading in their Reading Diary. Although by Year 4 children may usually prefer to read independently, reading aloud to a parent or sibling provides an invaluable opportunity to develop their use of tone and expression, as well as to discuss their understanding and enjoyment of the text.

School Website

There is a wealth of information on the school website and it is regularly updated. Save it as a favourite!

<http://www.st-johnscofe.bathnes.sch.uk/>

Thank you in advance for your support and we very much look forward to working with you and your children.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Stearn and Miss Young

Mrs Attwood, Mrs Sheppard and Mrs Janes

PS. Please find attached the end of year expectations for Reading, Writing and Maths in Year 4. Please note – these lists give a general outline.