



Greenfield Primary School

Excellence and Enjoyment for All

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 4 Beech Class! I hope you have all had a fantastic summer and enjoyed a well-earned break. I am really looking forward to welcoming the children back to school and getting started with what promises to be a busy, exciting and rewarding year.

Year 4 is a fantastic year, with lots of new learning, challenges and opportunities for the children to grow in confidence and independence. Here is a little glimpse of what we will be getting up to during our first term.

Maths

We will begin the year by developing a secure understanding of place value, before moving on to addition and subtraction, area, and multiplication and division.

Times tables will be a BIG focus in Year 4! Children will take part in the statutory Multiplication Tables Check in the summer term, so we will be working hard throughout the year to develop quick and confident recall of all our times tables. Regular practice on Times Tables Rock Stars at home will make a huge difference.

English

We have two brilliant books to get our teeth into this term: ***Diary of a Big Bad Wolf* by Ben Miller** and ***The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown**. We will use these texts to inspire lots of exciting reading and writing opportunities.

Alongside our writing, children will have regular lessons focusing on reading, grammar, spelling and handwriting. Spellings will be set each week using Spelling Shed, with our spelling test taking place every Thursday. Presentation is an important focus in Year 4. We will practise handwriting each week and, as the year progresses, children will have the opportunity to earn the privilege of writing in pen.

Reading, Reading, Reading!

Reading at home continues to be incredibly important in Year 4. We ask that children read at least three times each week. Reading should be recorded in your child's reading record, either by an adult or by the child themselves. Reading books and records should be returned to school **once a week** so that we can monitor reading, offer support where needed and change books. Please encourage your child to read as widely as possible. Novels, non-fiction, poetry, comics and magazines all count. The more children read, the more vocabulary, ideas and knowledge they bring to all areas of their learning.

Geography

Pack your imaginary suitcase because we are heading across Europe! Our geography enquiry this term is: ***A Tale of Two Cities: How do Manchester and Rome compare?*** We will explore the continent of Europe, locate countries and cities, develop our map skills and investigate the similarities and differences between Manchester and Rome.

Science

Our science topic is States of Matter. We will investigate solids, liquids and gases, explore how materials can change state and carry out practical investigations to help us understand the science happening all around us.





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Music

We have an exciting musical opportunity this year! Every Monday, the children will have an hour-long lesson with Mrs Howarth from Oldham Music Service, where they will learn to play the cornet.

Each child will have their own cornet to use during lessons, which will remain safely in school.

PE

Our PE days are:

Tuesday and Thursday

Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on these days.

PE kit consists of:

- White polo shirt
- Black shorts
- Black Trainers
- Black jogging bottoms or a black tracksuit for outdoor PE

Homework

Homework in Year 4 will be simple, regular and focused on the key skills that really benefit from practice at home. Each week, children should:

- Read at least three times
- Write at least three sentences using their weekly spellings
- Practise their spellings using Spelling Shed
- Practise their times tables using Times Tables Rock Stars

Dojos will be awarded for completed homework. ★

A Little Note About Bags

Our cloakroom is quite small, so we are trying to keep belongings to a minimum. Children do not need to bring a large school bag each day.

They only need:

- A water bottle
- Their reading/homework book
- A coat when needed

Please make sure that all belongings are clearly named.

Please keep an eye on our class page, where we will share more information about what we have been learning and what is happening in Beech Class. Thank you in advance for your support. I am really looking forward to working with you and your children throughout the year.

Miss Egan

