

# Welcome to Year 4!

Welcome to Year 4 at St Ann's Heath. Your teachers are: Miss Mann, Ms Martin, Mrs Pannett and Mrs Pennington.

Working alongside us to support the children are: Miss Baker, Mrs Irwin, Mrs Moss and Mrs Scott.

To find out more about our curriculum, please look at our curriculum overviews for the year and current creative curriculum unit of work which are published on our school website.

Please can we take this opportunity to remind you that contact with us should be made via a note in your child's planner or via the [year4@stannshealth.org](mailto:year4@stannshealth.org) email.

## Planners

Planners are a brilliant tool for communication between home and school. Any changes made to the usual pick up routine should also be written in the planner. Please could you ensure that every weekend your child's planner is signed by an adult at home. This will confirm that all messages home have been received.

## Uniform

At St. Ann's Heath, we take pride in the smart appearance of our pupils. Therefore, could you please ensure your child has the correct uniform.

- The School Uniform policy can be found in the planner on page 9. Children should have their jumper in school every day.
- Our P.E days are Mondays and Fridays. On these days, please ensure your child comes into school wearing the correct P.E kit bringing with them their school shoes and a spare pair of socks in a named plastic bag.
- Fitbits and digital watches should not be worn in school.
- On our P.E days, we ask that children do not come to school wearing earrings.

## Pick up and drop off

Just to remind you:

- Drop off is between 8:30-8:40am. The gate closes at 8:50
- Pick up time is between 3:10-3:30pm.

Please ensure you keep to these times to ensure they run smoothly.

## Snacks and water

We advise that all children should bring in a snack for break time (fresh fruit or vegetables or dried fruit). No bars, 'winders' or sweets please. **We are a nut free school.**

Every child should have a named water bottle that they bring into class every morning. This will be used throughout the day including break and lunch times.

## How to support your child at home

### Reading

Please listen to your child read out loud every day for about 15 minutes and have a short discussion about what has been read. Could you please write a comment in their planner to let us know how they got on, what their understanding was like, where they got up to and if they completed the book. Writing in the planner will ensure your child is included in the class reading challenge!

### Times Tables

Twice a week, children will be tested on their times tables. The Year 4 expectation is that they should know all their times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of year 4. This year, Year 4 will be sitting a statutory times tables test in the summer term. We will be supporting the children at school with additional practice and interventions, but please support your children by helping them practise their tables at home as this will benefit them greatly. This can be done by using **Times Tables Rockstars** online.

### Homework

**Times Tables:** The children are expected to be practising on TTRockstars at least 3 times a week.

**Spellings:** The children are expected to complete the assignments on Spelling Shed for at least 15 minutes, 3 times a week.

**Reading:** Reading should be completed daily for 15 minutes and recorded in their planners.

**Optional homework:** This will be provided every half term and will consist of four different activities. The children can complete as many of them as they would like to. This should be returned at the end of every half term.