

Welcome to Year 4!

Welcome to Year 4 at St Ann's Heath. Your teachers are: Miss Wilson, Miss Godman, Mrs Pannett & Mrs Dawe.

Working alongside us to support the children are: Mrs Garrett, Miss Tuffey, Mrs Aitken 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 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.
- Pick up time is between 3.10-3.20pm.

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.**

At this time, we are unable to accept sweets for birthdays or any other occasions.

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. Your child has a username and log in which can be found on the first page of their planner.

Homework

Homework will be set weekly on a Wednesday and will be due on the following Monday. These tasks will be linked to a wide range of learning that has taken place in class. If your child struggles with the task, please help them and make a note of this in their planner for their teacher to address. If you need more clarity with the homework, please inform us via the planner before the weekend.

Spellings

Please support your child in learning the year 3/4 spellings list. We teach the children multiple strategies, so you can use whatever method works for them.