

STAPLEFORD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 4! We are so pleased to be back and are really looking forward to working with you and your child/children this year. Together, we hope to support their learning and help them thrive. From their very first day in Year 4, our aim is to create an atmosphere where every child feels safe, happy, and excited to learn. We also want to take time to get to know each child as an individual, supporting their personal growth as well as their learning.

Adults in Birch Class

- **Mrs Storer** will teach on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays.
- **Mr Marchant** will teach on Thursdays and Fridays.
- **Mrs Williams** will be in class on Monday and Tuesday afternoons.

Reading in Year 4

Reading is a vital part of the school curriculum, and at Stapleford we encourage children to enjoy books both in school and at home. Each child will be given a reading book from the class reading corner (or they may bring one from home) to keep in school, but they will also be encouraged to read at home.

We ask that you listen to your child/children read regularly to help demonstrate the importance of reading. Children will also have opportunities to write book reviews and share books they have particularly enjoyed.

Homework

Children will be given a **homework menu** with ideas across English, Maths, Science, Art/DT, and History/Geography. Each subject area has three options, and your child/children should complete one piece of homework of their choice each week.

Homework books will be sent home on Fridays and should be returned by the following Wednesday.



Spelling

This year we will be **introducing a new spelling system** to support the children in becoming more confident and independent spellers. Further information about this will be shared with you shortly.

Topic

Our topic this term is **“Rocking Through the Ages.”** Please see the Topic Web for details of our planned learning opportunities.

Times Tables

At the end of Year 4, all children will take part in the **Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)**, which assesses their recall of times tables up to 12×12 . Developing a quick and confident recall of multiplication facts is a vital part of becoming fluent in maths, as it underpins so many other areas of the subject — from fractions and division to problem-solving.

We will be practising regularly in school, but we also encourage you to support your child/children at home to help them build speed and accuracy. Short, frequent practice is the most effective way to gain fluency and confidence.

Other Information

- **PE** will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays during the Autumn Term. Please ensure your child/children come to school dressed in their PE kit on these days.
- **Outdoor learning:** Moat time will be flexible to support Science, Geography, or active learning. We recommend that children keep a pair of wellington boots in school.
- **Pencil cases:** Children are encouraged to bring a small pencil case that fits in their tray. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled.
- **Valuables:** We ask that children do not bring precious items into school, as we cannot guarantee they will not get lost or damaged.

Further information will be shared throughout the year via ParentMail. However, if you would like to speak with us at any time, please feel free to come and chat after school or contact us via the school office: **office@staplefordprimary.org**.

Best wishes,

Richard Marchant and Anna Storer