



Year 4 – Autumn Term 1

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Year 4! I am thrilled to have you, and your child join Year 4 for what promises to be an exciting and enriching school year. As we embark on this journey together, I wanted to provide you with some key information and highlights about what to expect in the coming months.

PE Days

PE lessons will take place on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays**. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days. The kit should include a **red t-shirt, black shorts or black tracksuit bottoms, red or black jumper**. Please do not send your children in wearing football shirts.

Exciting Trips

I am delighted to share that we have two fantastic trips planned for Year 4. Our first trip will be to The Hull and East Riding Museum, where the children will have the opportunity to learn all about ancient Egypt. Our second trip will see us head to Eureka science museum, where the children will have the opportunity to explore science in a fun and interactive way. Later in the year, we will visit Rand Farm, giving the children a chance to experience farm life, learn about animals, and enjoy various outdoor activities. These trips are designed to complement our classroom learning and provide memorable experiences that the children will cherish.

Home Learning Focus

Maths home learning will be completed via the **White Rose Maths Home Journals**. Children will be informed which pages they are expected to complete and when the work is due. Please support your child in keeping up with these tasks – they match the maths learning that is taking place in the classroom.

We expect children to record their reading in their diaries. Children should aim to complete a minimum of **three sessions of 15 minutes reading each week**. In addition, each child will be provided with a **CGP Reading Comprehension book** and will be expected to complete **one task per week**.

Home learning will be shared with the children on a Friday; completed work needs to be handed in by Wednesday of the following week; the expectation is that children do not spend longer than 30 minutes on each activity; if home learning is taking longer than this, please let me know and I will make any adaptations required.

Class Dojo:

We will continue to use **Class Dojo**, a points-based system, to record and celebrate children's positive learning behaviours.

This term our class priorities are as follows:

- Having a positive attitude towards learning
- Applying SPaG skills from the Grammarsaurus scheme within writing
- Being kind and thoughtful to all members of the school community

Getting to know me!

I have worked at John Blow Primary School since September 2020 and have been lucky enough to work with four great classes! My favourite subjects to teach are, Maths, PE, computing and geography. I also enjoy my role as the school's KS2 football coach, giving children the opportunity to test their skills against other schools. Outside of school I spend a lot of time watching and playing football. I am a huge supporter of Leeds United FC. I go to many games with my friends, however, we rarely come home smiling! I live with my wife, Zoe, daughters, Abbie and Alice and our dog, Daisy (otherwise known as Crazy Daisy). We all enjoy taking Daisy on walks around Hartsholme Park, to try and tire her out!

Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your support,

Mr Newberry