



A WARM WELCOME TO YEAR 4

BEECHWOOD
Primary School

Welcome to Year 4. The teachers in this year group are Miss Vickers and Mr Astley, and the teaching assistants are Mrs Ryder and Mrs Morris. We are all looking forward to getting to know you and your child over the next academic year. We aim to be approachable and to involve you in your child's learning. We strive to foster a love of learning in year 4 and we promise to make learning fun and engaging for your child! In return, we ask that your child tries their very best, follows the school rules and treats others with respect.

PE Sessions

During the Autumn term, your child will take part in outdoor PE on a **Tuesday** and indoor PE on a **Thursday** afternoon.

Please ensure your child has appropriate kit with them in school every day. PE is a core subject and all children must participate in PE lessons. Please talk to one of us if you have any concerns regarding this.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child has the correct school uniform and that it is labelled with their name.

Homework and supporting your child at home

Each week your child will be given the following homework:

- **Maths homework; linked the previous week's learning**
- **Times tables to learn (in times tables book which must be in school every day)**
- **Reading 3x20 minutes minimum (reading diaries to be in school every day but they will be formally checked on a Friday)**
- **Stage appropriate spellings (handed out on a Friday and tested the following Friday)**

*There will also be an optional homework project relating to each 'Mission Possible' Theme. This will be available on our year group webpage on the school website. In addition, children will be expected to learn key 'theme' facts from a knowledge organiser. Optional maths and English homework will also be available in the classroom should you require it.

Mission Possible

*The Theme for the Autumn term is based on 'Ancient Egypt' and involves us studying 'How can we recreate the wonder of Ancient Egypt?' The children will work together to complete practical missions relating to the Egypt, which are designed to help them develop their resilience and communication skills amongst others. During our history lessons, we will be looking at key questions linked to this such as: **Who were the pharaohs? How were the pyramids built? Were the Egyptians more advanced than we are?***

In Maths, we will be looking at Number and Place Value initially before moving on to calculation. In year 4, children are expected to recall each times tables fact up to 12x12 within 3 seconds. Therefore, we will be testing them weekly.

In English, our writing will link to our book 'The Whale'. We will create a setting description before moving on to writing a newspaper report.

