

Welcome to Year 4!



We would just like to start the academic year by welcoming your family to our year group in school and introducing ourselves to you. We are very excited about working with you and your child and look forward to getting to know everyone over the next couple of weeks. We have been so excited for September and to embrace the new curriculum that the whole school have been working so hard on before the summer holidays. It focuses on the big question **'How can we make a difference?'** and we are already impressed with the suggestions the children have put forward. Please watch our video re our curriculum launch if you have not already had the chance to do so –

SPCEDS Curriculum Launch - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lskABf9UPnU>

This year's Year 4 staff are:

Claire Hearth – Class Teacher in Y4CH and Phase Leader for Lower Key Stage Two

Beka Wakefield – Class Teacher in Y4RW

Asta Kalinkina – Teaching Assistant

Carol Pearce, Sam Williams, Helen Shields and Claire Hall – Learning Support Assistants

Sam Williams, Asta Kalinkina – Lunchtime Assistants

Claire Hearth and Becca Wakefield will have PPA (planning, preparation and assessment) time on a Wednesday morning so the children will be taught by Anthony Horton and Sarah Hendry. Anthony Horton will also cover Claire Hearth for her leadership time so these may be different faces you see at drop off and pick up times.

We continue to ask the children to come to school ready in their PE kits on their PE days. Just as with our school uniform, we ask that the children come in the appropriate PE kit as listed below. We are hoping to again take part in sport festivals and tournaments with other classes in school and schools across our Sport's Cluster so it is important that we are ready to represent our school.

For your child's safety please can you make sure that there are no earrings in your child's ears on these days.

Wednesday: Outdoor PE

Outdoor Kit: As indoor kit plus tracksuit for colder weather (tracksuit to be dark colours).

Monday: Indoor PE

Indoor Kit: Purple or white T Shirt (plain), navy blue or black shorts (plain), plimsolls or trainers.

For the children's Home Learning, we will be setting challenges in Reading Rambles and Maths Meander books. They will also have spellings to learn on a piece of paper. These will be sent home on a Thursday and tested the following Thursday in our spelling lesson.

We ask that the children take responsibility for this, engage and talk to you about it. Time will be available in school if it is needed as we know sometimes there are just not enough hours in the day – especially with important family time to be had!

Our class story this term is **Max and the Millions** by Ross Montgomery. We are very excited to find out about the tiny world Mr Darlow has created.

In Term 6, children in Year 4 undertake the national multiplication check so this is a big focus of our Maths learning this year. Fortnightly, the children will be taking part in our Multiplication Mondays, where we will focus on the times tables, one at a time, to help their learning. We will send some activities home for you to do with your child to encourage faster recall of the facts. We would really appreciate your support in this as a quick recall helps in so many areas of maths learning and is a useful skill for future life.

Finally, we would like to share the key events coming up in the next two terms.

Key Events coming up in Term 1:

Monday 13th September: Roald Dahl Day: <https://www.roalddahl.com/> (To be celebrated in school on Friday 17th September).

Friday 1st October: National Poetry Day – Theme Choice

Key Events coming up in Term 2:

Monday 8th November – Friday 12th November: Maths Week: <https://mathsweekengland.co.uk/>

Friday 12th November: Children in Need

Sunday 14th November: World Diabetes Day

W/B 15th November: Anti-Bullying Week (remember your odd socks or colourful tights).

Friday 10th December: Christmas Jumper Day

We look forward to meeting you all and working with you to help your child develop, both academically and as a person. If you need to contact us about anything, please feel free to talk to us at the end of the day, or email us on Y4@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk We also have a Twitter page: Y4@SPCEDS where we will showcase some of the exciting learning we have been doing.

Kind regards,

The Year 4 Team