



Welcome to Poppy Class Year 4

*Mrs Smith and
Miss McArdle*





Staffing



- I, Mrs Smith, will be here all week the exception of one morning or afternoon for my PPA.
- Miss McArdle will be here all week.
- Ms Mothersill will be here when Mrs Smith is not, for this first half term that will be Tuesday mornings and after half term this will be Tuesday afternoons.



A day in Year 4



- Children come into the classroom and organise themselves for the day. This includes putting water bottles into the classroom and changing reading books.
- To help the children with their focus and mental well-being, we complete wake and shake routines, yoga inspired stretches and mindfulness breathing activities throughout the day.
- We are encouraging children to become more independent so children are responsible for ensuring they have all they need to take home at the end of each day, to support this please try to encourage your child to get their things ready for school in the morning/night before.



Lunch and Break time



- To ensure that the children get the most out of their learning time, we don't have a set break time. The children receive a 15 minute break at some point in the morning.
- As in year 3, children in Key Stage Two do not receive fruit as part of the government scheme. Children will need to bring in their own snack of fruit or veggies for break time.
- Lunch time for Year 4 is at 12.10pm.



What do I need to bring to school?



- Children will need a few items in school every day. These include...
 - Water bottle - please ensure children are bringing water rather than squash
 - Snack of fruit or veggies
 - Reading diary and reading book

Children will also need their Homework book on a Tuesday.

It is really important for children to have these items as it helps them feel prepared and settled for the day.

Please note that children do not need pencil cases as we provide everything they need for their learning.



The Stanford Way



Be Respectful	Be Responsible	Be Ready to Learn
<p>Say please and thank you Hold doors open for people Walk silently through corridors Talk kindly to others Say good morning / afternoon Respect others' right to learn Respect all property Use a calm and polite tone of voice Follow adult instruction</p>	<p>Complete homework on time Remember to bring equipment to school Wear correct school uniform / PE kit Tidy your own workspace and classroom Accept responsibility and say sorry Complete neatly presented work</p>	<p>Sit still Listen carefully to everyone Give the staff your full attention Work hard on tasks given Be in the right place at the right time</p>



Class rewards and Sanctions



- Class rewards and sanctions remain the same throughout the school. Children continue to collect Team Points by working together and achieving together. Children are also aiming to get their name on the Gold Board.
- We still use our traffic light system to build awareness of our class golden rules.



Reading



- Reading is an incredibly important part of children's learning.
- We aim to hear all children read every other week. All reading will be recorded in your child's reading diary.
- To support children's in school learning, daily reading is vital. Reading a page or 2 a day makes a huge difference to children's reading ability as well as boosting their confidence and improving writing skills. Please record all reading in diaries.
- Children will bring home 1 or 2 books from school. A book banded or decodable phonics book and a reading for pleasure book. If your child is a free reader, they will bring home one book of their choice. If children want to read books that seem too challenging, please read to your child or read it together. It is important for children to enjoy what they are reading or listening to.



Times Tables



- A secure grasp of times tables is essential for Maths learning. We teach this daily for 10 minutes.
- At the end of year 4 children sit a Multiplication Tables Check which is government set so it's really important your children are practicing their times tables as much as possible.
- For homework, we ask children to complete at least 3 minutes of Times Tables Rock Stars a day at home. Completing times tables activities in short bursts is a great way to boost children's ability.
- The activity sheet in Homework books will let you know what times tables we are focussing on that term.



Homework



- Children complete 3 enquiry question based projects across the year. A covering letter in homework books will explain when these projects are due.
- We are setting our first project for this term. All will be explained in Homework books which will go out this Thursday.
- We will also be setting a Maths activity each week to reinforce class learning. This will either be as a Purple Mash online activity or a maths work sheet.
- Spelling work will continue with children taking home 10 words on a Thursday and sitting a short spelling test on a Tuesday. Please send Homework books in with your child on a Tuesday so we can up-date books with spelling scores and new spelling lists. Spelling lists are based on in class learning and children receive spelling lessons each week to help them to learn the rule for the set of words.



PE days and expectations



- PE will take place on a Monday and a Tuesday.
- Children will need to come dressed in PE kits on these days. This consists of: black shorts, leggings/joggers, a coloured t-shirt to reflect their team colour and trainers. The children need to wear their school jumper or cardigan on these days.
- Please note the children are not allowed to wear jewellery during PE for safety reasons. This includes earrings. Please help your child learn to remove their own earrings if they are unable to do so or leave earrings at home on these days.
- Newly pierced earrings can be covered in tape until they are able to be removed.



Useful Information



- There are lots of ways for us to share information with you.
- We use Class Dojo to send messages and up-dates about learning. This includes medical forms to let you know if your child has had an injury at school. We will call you if your child has a head injury as well as sending a Dojo. Please use Dojo to send us messages too. Please think about the urgency of messages as we may not read messages straight away. Any changes to pick up or illness needs to go through the office.
- We keep our school website up-to-date so it is a great resource for keeping up with key information.



How to contact us



- You can send Mrs Smith an email using the link on our class page.
- You can send me messages using Dojo. If you are not set up with this useful resource and would like to be, please talk to us and we can help you set it up.
- I will be on the playground at the start of the day and at the end of the day if you have any quick questions or messages.



Thank you!



- Thank you for coming today. We hope you have found it helpful.
- Please come and ask if you have any questions.