



# **Welcome to Year 4**

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## Welcome

- Welcome to our new school year. It is vital children arrive between the times of 8:45am – 9:00 to ensure social distancing between year groups.
- End of the school day – parents will collect children at 3:30pm from the KS1 playground. If you wish to change collection arrangements, more forms are available on the website or from the office. Please give the office staff plenty of notice for an exceptional change on the day, ideally by lunchtime.
- Please no cakes, biscuits and sweets for birthdays.



## Medical conditions

- ***If your child displays any COVID-19 symptoms, please inform us and do not send your child your back to school until after they have been tested.***
- *Please ensure that school is made aware of any medical conditions your child may have.*
- *Inhalers and epipens must be in date, please check these before sending them into school.*
- *Guidance says that inhalers must also have a spacer.*
- *It is school policy that a child must have 48 hours of wellness before returning to school following sickness and diarrhoea.*
- *School are permitted to administer some medication providing parents have completed the relevant medicine form and have the agreement of Mrs Lidgard. The forms are available from the School Office. This medicine must be prescribed with the child's name on.*



## School Rules and expectations Be Ready, Be Respectful Be Safe.

- We expect all children to be in full school uniform, with the correct footwear. Please ensure children have the correct school PE kit in school at all times. Our school behaviour policy centres around the 3 rules:
  - *Be ready!*
  - *Be respectful!*
  - *Be safe!*
- Children who demonstrate excellent behaviour will be praised through house points and merit award assemblies.



## Contact us

Due to COVID-19 restrictions unfortunately parents are currently not able to come into the school building. Please telephone school or email [enquiries@chandlersridge.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@chandlersridge.org.uk) if you wish to speak to a member of staff. We will aim to respond within 72 hours. If we have any concerns about progress that children are making in school or any behaviour issues, our school policy is to contact parents as soon as possible.

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## Beginning of the school day

- School opens at 8.45 am each morning. **Children should not be on the school grounds before this time.**
- **Please note parents are unable to come onto the KS2 playground or into the KS2 cloakroom.**
- During the first part of the day, work will be set so children can come into the classroom and begin learning straight away.
- Please ensure children are in school by register time – **9:00am**.



## Our curriculum - Reading

Reading fiction and non-fiction links very strongly with progress in writing.

Reading records are checked for signatures regularly. Children are rewarded for regular reading (3 times a week.) and will be rewarded with a sticker on the reading chart. When children have 10 stickers they will be rewarded with a prize from Mrs Lidgard. Staff will put a sticker in reading records when they've listened to children read. Please note, we are unable to have volunteers to listen to children read in school at the moment therefore it is vital children are regularly reading at home.

Some children will be listened to read on a 1:1 basis and all children will take part in small group and/or whole class reading, where children will share a book together and discuss vocabulary, content and answer inference, retrieval and comprehension style questions.

All children have a banded reading book from school reflecting their phonics level. These are checked and updated throughout the year.



## Our curriculum - Writing

We have developed an extensive scheme of work, which will expose children to a range of genres including character and setting descriptions, non-chronological reports, diary, story and poetry writing.

As children are encouraged to read and share a wide range of texts (in school and at home), it is intended that this will enable children to transfer skills into their writing.

We encourage children to make an effective use of our working wall to help develop a range of writing skills, with a strong emphasis on vocabulary.

In addition, we are having a focus on joined handwriting, with a weekly focused handwriting lesson.







## Y4 Times Table Check

The Dfe have introduced a Multiplication Tables Check, which is a statutory online assessment.

All children will take the test on a desktop computer, at school in June. The test will be timed, The children will be set a handful of practice questions to begin with. Following the practice questions, the test itself will comprise of 25 questions. Children will be given 6 seconds to answer each of the questions, with a three second gap between each question.

The questions will be randomly selected by the testing programme ranging from  $2 \times 2$  = up to  $12 \times 12$ . The test's software has been programmed to show children more questions from the 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 times tables, as these are trickier times tables focused on more in Years 3 and 4.

It is important for children to practise regularly outside of school. TT Rockstars is very useful for simulating the timed test pupils will take.



## Our curriculum

Our topics this year are The Greek Legacy, Mapping Skills, Our European Neighbours, Our Local Area and The Romans.

In science we cover a variety of topics including, Rocks, Soils and Fossils, Forces and Light, Animals Including Humans, Light and Plants.

### **Stand Out Moments**

We encourage children to read about these topics outside of school and reward any child who shows a 'thirst for learning' by going that extra mile.



## PE

The year PE curriculum is broad and balanced. The children have many opportunities to apply fundamental skills of movement and develop their understanding of a variety of sports. The children will partake in a range of skills and benefit from specialist coaching.

There will be some opportunity for children to represent the school and compete in both in-house and external competitions during the course of the year.

On days when children have PE, please ensure they come in appropriate PE kit for either indoor or outdoor sports. If children borrow PE kit, it will need to be washed and returned ASAP.

In addition to PE, all children undertake the Daily Mile initiative each day to ensure we are promoting healthy lifestyles and regular exercise.



## Homework & Spellings

- There will be no compulsory homework
- MyMaths, spelling shed and TT Rockstars are all available (children will all stick their login information into their reading records)
- Children are expected to read three times a week
- Children will be tested on their weekly spellings each week.