



St. Andrew's CE (VA) Junior School



Welcome to Year 4

Here are the members of staff who will be working in Year 4 this year:

- Mr Lyons - Mr Johnson - Mrs Lagan (HLTA) - Mrs Carpe - Mrs Scholefield

School uniform

We regard school uniform as an important element in maintaining standards and hope that parents will support us in this. All pupils are required to wear the school uniform:

- Navy jumper, cardigan or sweatshirt (not hooded) - with the school badge.
- White shirt/ blouse or white polo shirt - with or without the school badge.
- Grey trousers (long or short), grey skirt or pinafore.
- Summer alternative- blue and white checked dress.
- Sensible black shoes (no trainers).
- Sensible waterproof coat with a hood.

Equipment

Children will not be required to bring in any pencil cases. Equipment will be provided. Please send in a water bottle. This must be taken home at the end of the day and refilled with water.

Any bags that children bring in will need to be put on the back of the chair they use. Please ensure the bag is an appropriate and sensible size for the classroom.

Daily Routine

School doors open at 8:40am and school starts at 8:55am. The doors close at 8.55am. Children arriving after this time will be given a late mark.

Lessons begin at 9:05am. During the 15 minute registration the children complete an independent learning task and Accelerated Reader quizzes are done during this time. Please bring in planners and reading books regularly.

The children have a playtime at lunch from 12pm until 12:30pm. They then return to class and have lunch in the classroom.

School finishes at 3:15pm. Should you be held up for any reason, the children will wait with the class teacher until 3:35pm. After this time, the child will be sent to kids club to wait.

Reading

It is important that children read regularly. Please ensure your child reads every night. Please leave a comment in the planner to show that your child has read at home. Depending on the book length, please aim to do two quizzes a week. You can also do an Accelerated Reader online quiz at home. If you are unsure how to do this, please speak to your child's class teacher. Children can also do a quiz on their own book that they have read at home which may be on a different level. Children will choose their own book from our library once a quiz is completed.

Homework

Children will receive two homework books: A Maths homework books and Literacy/SPAG homework book. They will be given one or two pages of work to complete from these books every Friday. Children will be expected to complete the homework and bring it in for the following Friday where it will be marked in class. They will also receive a spelling list. Children will be tested on these spellings on Fridays.

Swimming

Due to current restrictions, children will not be going swimming before Christmas. We will inform you in plenty of time to let you know when these lessons will go ahead.

P.E

Italy have a P.E session on a Tuesday afternoon. Canada have a P.E session on a Thursday afternoon.

All P.E lessons will take place outdoors on the playground or the field. Please make sure that your child wears appropriate outdoor clothing: a plain white t-shirt, blue/black jogging bottoms (for cold weather) and a blue/dark hoody or jumper if needed. In warmer weather, children can wear blue/dark shorts. Please avoid items of clothing with large logos/lettering. Appropriate footwear must be worn. If your child brings footwear with laces, please ensure they can tie them, independently.

Year group expectations

Children are expected to know all of their times tables (up to 12) by the end of Year 4. Towards the end of the year, children will participate in an online multiplication test where they will be expected to answer 25 questions. They must answer each question within 6 seconds. This test will be carried out in school.

All children must be able to use cursive script and write grammatically correct sentences.

Monitoring

Please check your child's planner regularly so you can see their weekly arithmetic and spelling scores. After a spelling quiz has been completed, children will record their score in their planner. Any words your child has misspelled will be highlighted on the sheet that gets sent home. If your child has a highlighted word on their spelling list, please practise this at home.

Sheets that show your child's progress (Promoting Excellence sheets) will be sent home at the end of the term. This sheet will show if your child is performing at, below or above age related expectations in Reading, Writing and Maths.

Rewards

Our usual reward system of giving children plastic smilies will not be used. Children will achieve ticks on charts in class at the teacher's discretion for good work and good behaviour. Once ten ticks are achieved, this will be recorded in planners. When 100 ticks are achieved, they will receive a certificate will then move to the next tier of certificates.

Golden Book

Children who are chosen to go in the Golden Book will be informed of this on Friday afternoons during our Golden Book assembly. This will take place via Zoom in school.