

# BIDSTON AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Welcome to Year 4!

We hope that you had an enjoyable summer break and are ready for the Year 4 adventure! Please take time to read the information below, which gives details about how you can help your child make the most of their time in Year 4.

### The Team

The Year 4 team is made up of Miss Mearns (4M), Mrs Stewart (4S), Mr Brooks (4B), and our teaching assistants Miss Kilmore and Mr McGibbon.

### Homework

**Reading:** Children should be reading at least 3 times per week to an adult. There is a reward system to promote home reading as an incentive. Children can also use Bug Club online reading which counts towards their weekly reading total. Reading books can be changed as soon as the book has been completed. Children are also able to take books from the class library and school library to enjoy at home.

How can you help your child? Remember to ask your child questions about what they have read, what they think will happen next (in a story) and why the author might have chosen to use particular words or features. It is really important for children to read before they go to sleep. This could be in the form of reading to themselves, listening to a story or enjoying a story together. Please encourage your children to read in as many places as possible for example instructions, recipes, road signs, shopping lists and leaflets.

**Maths:** Homework will be given out on a **Friday**, to be returned by the following **Wednesday**.

How can you help your child? During the month of June 2026, Year 4 will be formally assessed on their multiplication tables knowledge. It is vital that your child is encouraged to learn and recall their times tables up to 12 x 12, at speed. This is best done in short, snappy chunks and repeated often, to secure their learning. The children have log in details for an excellent website, TT Rockstars. They should be encouraged to practise their times tables using this site.

### PE

Our PE days for this term are Tuesday and Thursday. These will change over the year but we will contact you to let you know of any changes.

Please ensure your child wears their PE kit (white t-shirt, black shorts and pumps, tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirt for outdoors) on their PE day. Earrings should be removed or covered with tape.



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### **School Trips**

Children will have the opportunity to take part in a residential trip to London this year. Specific information about the exciting event will be sent out later in the term.

### **Water bottles**

Please make sure that your child brings their water bottle into school each day. They should take it home each night to clean and refill it, before bringing it back the next day.

We look forward to working with you.

### **The Year 4 Team**

**Miss Mearns**



**Mrs Stewart**



**Mr Brooks**



**Miss Kilmore**



**Mr McGibbon**

