


YEAR 4 **TRANSITION BOOKLET**

2025-26



WELCOME TO YEAR 4

We are so excited to welcome our next group of Year 4 children. In this transition booklet you will find lots of useful information about the year ahead. If you have any questions, the Year 4 team are here to support you so please do not hesitate to contact us.





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MEET THE TEACHING TEAM



Miss Silva



Miss Toolan-Kerr



Mr Gordon



Miss Humphries



Mrs Willets



Mrs Marsden



WHO ARE WE?

Hello! My name is Miss Silva and I've been a teacher for 21 years! I joined Beaver Road 10 years ago in KS2 but have taught in all age-phases. I studied violin at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama before training to be a teacher. I also did some performing work and taught in a music school. I live in Stockport with my two sons, Florian and Heikki, who both attend BR. Some of you will know that I lead the Rights Respecting Schools programme and love nothing more than to drop an article or two into conversation! When I'm not in teacher-mode, I love to go on mini adventures, and find new and interesting places to visit. I also love being creative, making and upcycling, and all things vintage. I can't wait for our year ahead in Juniors! Have a wonderful summer and see you all soon.



WHO ARE WE?

Hi everyone! I'm Miss Humphries! I'm very excited to be teaching you next year!

I am very passionate about children's rights and my favourite article (other than article 28!) has to be article 3, best interests of the child.

I can't wait to meet you all and learn about what you love! Year 4 is going to be a great year for us all!



WHO ARE WE?

I am Mrs Marsden and I have been a teacher at Beaver Road for 6 years, but this is my first time teaching at the Juniors! I can't wait for all of the adventures and excitement that wait for us in the new chapter of our learning journey together!



WHO ARE WE?

I am Ms Toolan-Kerr and I have been a teacher at Beaver Road for 3 years. I came to Year 4 last year and loved it - I'm very happy to be spending another year here! For part of the week, you'll find me studying for a Masters, looking at the fascinating world of child development. Just like my students, I absolutely love learning!



WHO ARE WE?

I'm Mr. Gordon.

I'm excited to join you and bring lots of fun to our classroom. Outside of school, I enjoy playing basketball and football, traveling to new places, and getting lost in a good book. I can't wait to get to know each of you and share our adventures together this year!.



WHO ARE WE?

Some of you might already recognise me as a Year 1 teacher. I cannot wait to teach in Year 4 next year and I am really excited to be meeting you all in September. I live with my fiancé and my new puppy, Dottie. She is a year old and is the most friendly, excitable puppy. When I'm not teaching, I love spending time with my friends and family. I have 3 children who keep me very busy! Fun fact about me... I love being outdoors and keeping healthy. I try to get outside everyday either in the garden or at our local park. I think keeping active is very important for both our bodies and our minds. I would love to improve my French as I regularly visit the country and would like to be able to chat more easily with the locals.



teaching
assistant

teaching assistants
(also known as T.As)
are **SUPPORTIVE** multi-
tasking **SUPERHEROES**
WHO HELP TO MOTIVATE,
GUIDE AND **INSPIRE!** WE
WOULD BE LOST WITHOUT
YOU! **THANK YOU!**

WHO ARE WE?

We also have our fabulous team
of Teaching Assistants:

Miss Pang, Mrs Akther Miss
Sanderson and Miss Hopkins.

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILD AT HOME?



1 Children will be sent a termly Learning At Home grid related to the topics covered in class. Additional practise material will be shared as and where necessary.

2 It is extremely important for children to read for at least 10 minutes a day at home to improve their reading fluency. Children will be sent a reading book, which they can change when they finish the book.
Please also ensure that children practise the Year 3 & 4 Common Exception Word list.

3 Children should also regularly practise their times tables at home, aiming to learn up to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4.



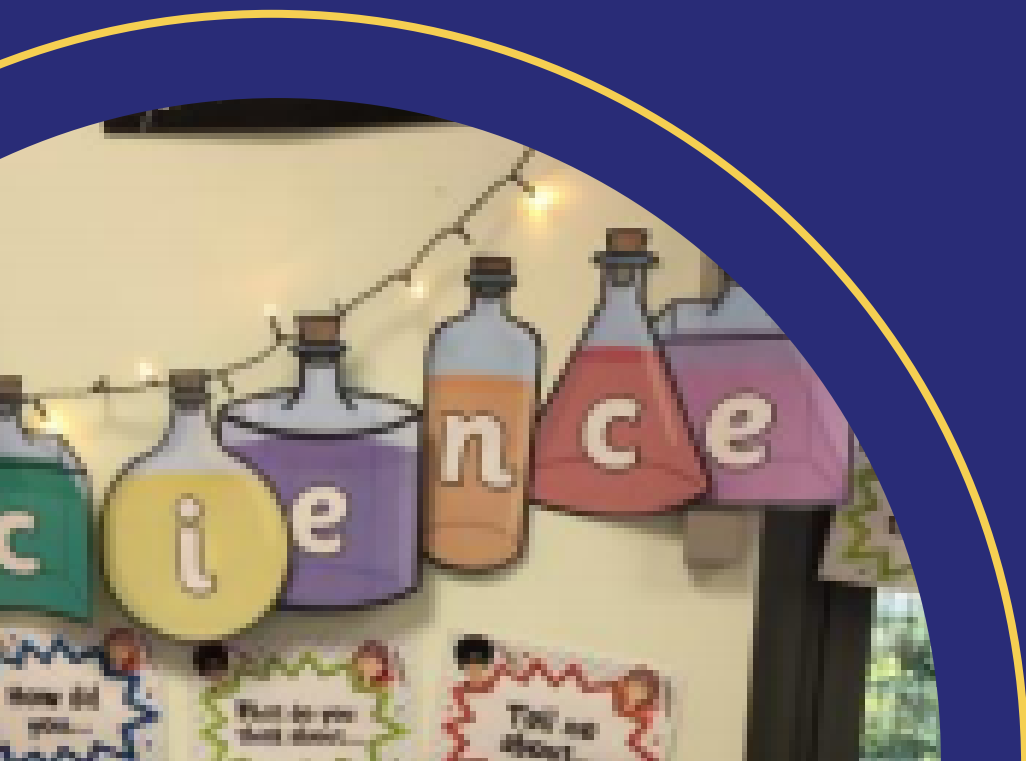
A TYPICAL DAY IN YEAR 4



Our doors open at 8:25am and the school day ends at 3:00pm.

In Year 4, children can expect to take part in fun and enjoyable lessons, which have been carefully designed to spark children's curiosity and engagement. Teachers think outside the box to plan practical 'hands-on' lessons, which will remain in children's memories long after the lessons are finished. All topics start with an engaging hook designed to draw the children's interest and an exciting learning journey commences after this. Children take part in active learning through the use of drama and role-play in English and using concrete manipulatives in Maths. Exciting opportunities for learning are developed through external visits such as the yearly residential to Robinwood in Wrexham.

Year 4 children have the option of visiting the canteen at playtime to purchase a snack or they can bring fruit from home. Children currently have break at 10.00am and lunch at 11.30am. During break, children have access to the top playground, which includes the hut, the climbing frame and the slide. They also have the large courts downstairs available at lunch known as the MUGA (multi use games area) along with access to the forest when the weather permits.





CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

All English planning is centred around an exciting Reading and Writing journey in which children are exposed to a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts. Talk For Writing strategies are used in class to support learning. Children's handwriting and spelling is paramount to success with Writing and regular practise at home is essential.

Children will attend swimming lessons on Thursday afternoons. Please ensure your child brings a swimming kit and a towel every week. Girls must wear a full costume and a swimming cap and boys must wear tight fitted shorts and a swimming cap with longer hair. Children are not permitted to wear goggles unless they are for a medical reason with a doctor's note. No jewellery should be worn. Children will be group based on ability groups ranging from beginners to able swimmers according to the instructors judgements based on the National Curriculum requirements. If a child is sick, they will need a sick note to state why they won't be swimming, otherwise they will be given a spare kit. Swimming is a National Curriculum requirement and it is essential that children attend all sessions throughout the year.



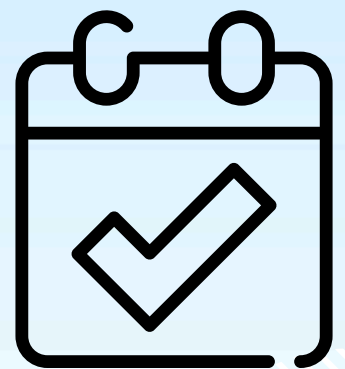
EXPECTATIONS - ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY



We expect all children to be in school and on time every day. Our doors open at 8:25 each morning. Punctuality is important for your child to settle into their day and not miss any valuable learning time. If your child is unwell, it's crucial that you inform us as soon as possible. Please follow our attendance policy by ringing the school office in the morning, stating the reason for their absence.



**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS!**



SCHOOL UNIFORM



It is important that your child comes to school in the correct school uniform:

- Blue jumper/cardigan
- Grey trousers, shorts, pinafore or skirt
- Plain black shoes or trainers.
There must be no visible logos and soles must also be black.
- No jewellery (apart from small studs, which must be covered for PE)
- Plain black PE kits



EXPECTATIONS - BEHAVIOUR & WELLBEING

At Beaver Road, we foster a positive and nurturing environment where all children feel safe and happy.

We expect every child to be a kind and respectful member of our school community. This includes how they interact with their peers, teachers, and how they care for our school environment.

Your child's class teacher will communicate with you directly if they have any concerns regarding your child's behaviour or wellbeing. We believe in working together to ensure every child thrives.



Parent Partnerships

We aim to work in partnership with parents to give the best education to your children. To do this, we very much value your opinions and feedback. Our doors are always open and we welcome open and regular communication with parents. If you need support for your child's home learning, please speak to your child's class teacher.



Useful Websites

Maths

Nrich - www.nrich.maths.org

Times Tables Rock Stars – www.ttrockstars.com

Maths Frame - www.mathsframe.co.uk

Top Marks - www.topmarks.co.uk

English

Literacy Shed - www.literacyshed.com

Top Marks - www.topmarks.co.uk

Storyline Online – www.storylineonline.net

Once Upon a Picture - www.onceuponapicture.co.uk

General

Espresso – www.discoveryeducation.co.uk

Username: student22154 Password: beaver

Mindfulness Activities – www.calm.com

Kids Yoga - www.youtube.com/cosmickidsyoga

