

### SCHOOL VALUES:

Our school values:

- Caring Individuals,
- Collaborative Learners,
- Creative Minds and
- Critical Thinkers.

### HOME LEARNING

Reading - to build your child's reading miles and fluency, short bursts of daily reading is most effective. Reading books are given out on Fridays and returned on Wednesdays. We recommend at least 10 minutes of daily reading.

Spelling— children will bring home a sheet of common exception words to learn by the time they reach the end of the year. Spelling patterns are taught in class and KS2 are expected to practise these through their Spelling Shed account for at least 20 minutes per week. Rather than weekly tests, we assess the children's spelling through their daily writing.

Handwriting - all children can practise their letter formation using their Letter Join log in details. We recommend this for at least 10 minutes a week.

Times Tables - to ensure that children are well-prepared for their MTC check in the summer term, we recommend at least 20 minutes of extra practice on Times Table Rockstars each week, using Soundcheck or Studio.

Each half-term, children will be given the opportunity to complete a project based around one of our foundation subjects.

### HEALTHY SCHOOL

Any snacks eaten at break time should be healthy with **no nuts**. Children should fill their bottles with water only.

### SCHOOL RULE:

Respect yourself, others  
and the  
environment.



### MEET THE TEAM

Teacher: Mrs Toomer and Mrs Pain.

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Spencer.

### WELCOME TO YEAR 4

We hope the following information will help you and your child settle quickly into their new year group.

### TEACHING

Pupils will be taught in two teams whilst they are in Year 4 for all National Curriculum subjects.

### START AND END TIMES

The school gates open at 8.45am and remain open until 8.55am. Children will need to be collected promptly at 3:15pm from the KS2 playground, next to our maths academy.

If at times you need your child to be collected by somebody else, please call or email our school office to let us know. Messages should not be sent via Class Dojo. Thank you.

### PE

PE will be taught on a **Tuesday** this term by your child's class teachers in their year group. Pupils need a white t-shirt, navy shorts and black pumps to change into in school. PE kits will be kept in children's lockers for the whole half-term and then sent home to be washed. In colder weather, **plain** jogging bottoms and **plain** black trainers are needed. We ask that children do not wear designer labels or football kits. Please label ALL items.

### LEARNING JOURNEY

Termly assessments in reading, writing, maths, spelling, punctuation and grammar are used to inform teaching.

Pupils in Year 4 will partake in the Multiplication Timetable Check in May. A workshop will be held later in the year to help support your child with this.

### UNIFORM

All children are expected to be in correct uniform at all times: Grey skirt or trousers, white or pale blue t-shirt, white plain shirt, navy sweatshirt with logo (V-neck or round neck) and black shoes with no heel. More information is available on our website.

### FINALLY...

We are looking forward to getting to know your child. Should you have any queries then please call or email the office and your message will be passed on. [parents@newhall.bham.sch.uk](mailto:parents@newhall.bham.sch.uk)

If you need to speak to a member of staff, please wait until the end of dismissal and we will approach you

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