

Meet the Teacher

Message from Mrs Maynard



Welcome to Year 4!

It has been wonderful getting to know our new Year 4s and we have been extremely pleased with how well they have settled in so far.

As your child moves through key stage two, please support them in continuing to develop their independence by encouraging them to remember certain routines (e.g. having their PE kit on set days) and completing tasks by themselves (e.g. changing their books in school).

Home Learning

We expect children to:

Read at home 5 x per week, with a short comment written in their reading record each time - these will be checked every Friday.

Complete 30 minutes of Times Table Rock Stars per week.

Look at spellings (Google Classroom) - Common Exception words/High Frequency words/Year 3/4 Statutory Spelling words . There will be no formal test.

Some additional useful websites - 'Spell Frame', 'Maths Frame' and 'Rollama'

The Empowerment Approach

We use The Empowerment Approach to behaviour which has been developed by a team of educationalists, psychologists and coaches. It brings together a range of disciplines, including neuroscience, neurobiology, psychology, coaching and education, ensuring the strategies we use with children to support their behaviour are firmly evidence-based.

The Empowerment Approach is underpinned by the belief that when a child presents with challenging behaviour, the first step should be to work with the child to identify stressors and missing skills. Once the stressors are identified, adults should work with the child to reduce these and build the skills they need to respond better next time.

New skills need to be taught and practised. Change will not necessarily be quick as new neural pathways take time to build; the child may therefore require additional supports whilst they build skills and new strategies.



Snacks and drinks

Children can bring in a fruit/vegetable snack for break time.

Remember: Children's drink bottles must contain **water only**. We have plenty of places to refill these in school.

Contact

If you need to contact Mrs Maynard you can email directly on: year4@chantryprimary.org

PE days

Thursday (Mr Ridgers)

Friday

Please ensure all clothing and belongings e.g. lunchboxes, water bottles, jumpers are **named clearly**.