



WELCOME TO YEAR 4!

Miss Brook

Staffing structure

- Miss Brook – class teacher
- Mrs Petts – KS2 Teaching Assistant
- Mrs Mason – KS2 Senior Teaching Assistant

About me...

- I am new to the school this year, as I am now a qualified teacher after studying at Sheffield Hallam University.
- I undertook my teacher training in Year 5 last year so some of the children may have already seen me around school.
- I am so excited to start my teaching career with this class and they will forever hold a special place as my first class.

Behaviour

- We are currently modifying our behaviour policy and this should be available soon.
- I strongly encourage positive behaviour management and I have introduced a class star jar which is a whole class incentive. On an individual basis, the children receive points against their name on the class reward chart. When the children reach 20 points, they will be able to choose something out of my prize box which contains pens, highlighters, crafts and fidget toys etc.
- When children are not displaying positive behaviour they will be asked to consider their choices and given a warning. If they continue to cause disruption they will be asked to join an SLT to further consider their behaviour.

Homework & Spellings

- The children will receive maths homework every Friday and should return it to school completed by the following Friday. They are welcome to bring it in before Friday and can place it in the homework box.
- At the beginning of each half term, the children will receive a spelling tracker with the weekly spellings listed for that half term. We spend at least one lesson a week learning the words and their meanings. In addition, the children are expected to practise their spellings at home, ready for their test on Friday. I handed out log ins for Spelling Shed last week so the children can access it at home and work through the spelling games I have set.
- The children were also handed a log in for Times Tables Rock Stars so they can practice their times tables at home in preparation for the Multiplication Tables check in June.
- Every Friday, we will mark homework together so the children can ask any questions and understand their next steps. We will also complete the spelling test and the scores will be recorded.

Reading & Book Club

- The children no longer have reading diaries to take home however, are expected to read at least three times a week at home. The new government Reading Framework Guidance 2023 stipulates that children are no longer given colour banded books to read but should be encouraged to read for pleasure.
- We have a school library which the children have access to and they can choose any book to take home and read. We keep a record of which book each child takes home in the class reading journal. When they finish their book, they can change it in the school library and we will update the reading journal.
- We also have a reading area in the classroom where the children can choose a book to read at silent reading time. The books from the classroom reading area are to stay in school.
- Every Friday afternoon we will do book club. The children are welcome to bring in any book from home that they would like to show to the class. This is an opportunity to celebrate reading for pleasure. Each week one child will have the opportunity to take the class reading journal home to complete which will be presented in the following week's book club.

PE

The children will need their PE kits every Monday and Tuesday. They are welcome to leave their PE kits here overnight on Monday, ready for their lesson on Tuesday. Both indoor and outdoor kits are needed as the lessons can be dependent upon the weather that day and topics that are being covered.

As PE is a required part of education all year round, the children will participate in outdoor sports during the winter months. Please ensure the children have suitable trainers and outdoor kits for these lessons as there is a chance they may get dirty.

Long hair must be tied back and earrings must be removed (or taped over if they cannot be removed).

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Sport 1	Ball skills	Football	Gymnastics	Rugby	Netball	Rounders
Sport 2	Fundamental skills	Dance	Hockey	Basketball	Outdoor Adventurous Activities	Athletics

Water Bottles

- Only plain water is allowed in children's water bottles, nothing else.
- We do have plastic cups in classrooms for children to use if they don't have a water bottle but we urge children to bring one.

Year 4 Topics

We have some really exciting topics which I think the children will enjoy this year. Our topics in the order which we will study them are:

- Ancient Egypt (History)
- European Neighbours (Geography)
- Natural Disasters (Geography)
- Anglo-Saxons and Scots (History)
- Anglo-Saxons and Vikings (History)

If the children would like to do a project at home relating to the topic we are studying, then they are more than welcome to bring this in and show the class. This is optional, in addition to their mandatory homework.

Whitby Residential

I hope the children are as excited as I am for our residential! More information will be sent out nearer the time however I have included the timetable so that you have an idea of what we will be getting up to.

Wednesday 11th March 2026

12-1pm	Arrive & Store Luggage on ground floor Leader check in @ Reception Welcome, Safety Talk & Fire Drill Lunch and Break in YHA Gardens/Dining Room
1.30pm	Beach Games and Art
4.15pm	Into Rooms and Unpack
5-6.30pm	Evening Meal
6.30pm	Lighthouse Challenge
8.00pm	Finish

Thursday 12th March 2026

7.30-8.30am	Breakfast	
10am	Lifeboat Museum	Lobster Hatchery
11am	Lobster Hatchery	Lifeboat Museum
1pm	Lunch	
2pm	Fossil Hunting	
5-6.30pm	Evening Meal	
6.30pm	Pirate Party	
8.00pm	Finish	

Friday 13th March 2026

7.30-8.30am	Breakfast
9am	Vacate Rooms and Store Luggage
10am	Viking Swords and Shields
11.30am	Visit to Whitby Abbey (optional extra – no charge)
12-1pm	Lunch and Break at YHA
1pm	Load Coach and Departure

Newsletter

Please ensure that you read the weekly newsletter as this will contain not only important information about school, but class specific details.

We also have Parent Hub where I will post important updates and information on.

Other information

- We will be having a parent consultation in October to report on how children have settled back and to discuss future steps and any concerns.
- Children don't receive free fruit in KS2, however it is fine for children to bring a piece of fruit from home to eat at playtime or a snack bar.
- If children are walking to the car park or there is a change to pick ups, please could you let me know, either in person or by email, or by phoning the office.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns about anything mentioned here or anything else throughout the year, please don't hesitate to call in and see me after school.

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