

# Hempland Primary School

Welcome to Year 4

2020 - 2021

# Meet the Team



Mr Dyer



Mrs Dean



Mrs Campbell



Mrs Hields



Mrs Hardy

# Life in Year 4

- From the beginning of Year 4, we will be ensuring that children are secure with Year 3 knowledge and skills before building upon these with the Year 4 curriculum. The Year 4 curriculum is very closely linked with Year 3.
- Alongside the curriculum, we will also be encouraging the children to develop their resilience, independence, being prepared for learning, and responsibility.
- Timetable – the school day will mainly involve the English and Maths in the morning, and foundation subjects (art, RE, PE, History, Geography, computing, Technology, Music, MFL and Science) in the afternoons. The children will have a broad and balanced curriculum, selected to inspire the children and promote interest in their learning.
- Home-school communication will mainly be done through emailing or phoning the office and arranging a mutually convenient time for a discussion with the teacher. If the teacher needs to contact you, the office or class teacher will be in touch over the phone or email.
- The entrance doors will open at 8.30am until 9.00am for the children to arrive. They can be collected between 2.55pm and 3.15pm.
- PE will be on Monday and Thursday (4BDTC) and Monday and Friday (4GD). Please ensure children have both indoor and outdoor PE kits on these days.
- Children will change their reading books on Thursday. They need to ensure they have reading books and their planners/ reading journals on this day, even if they are not changing their reading book.



# Expectations in Year 4

- Learning behaviours are underpinned by our Four Hempland Values; Respect, Opportunity, Ambition and Resilience.
- Reading - at home, please help your child by listening to them read for 20 minutes x 4 per week.
- Spellings – Practice at home through Spelling Shed (weekly spellings).
- Homework – will be set each week on Google Classroom (paper copies available for anyone without access to Google Classroom).
- Times tables – please practice times tables with your child every week.

# Curriculum & Topics

- Our Topic for the start of the year is 'Our Powerful Planet', and we will be learning all about the immense forces involved in mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes.
- Our key texts for this half term are 'Here we are', 'The Lost Happy Endings' and 'The Spiderwick Chronicles'.
- As well as our key topics, we will be looking at a wide range of subjects, selected to inspire and engage children in their learning. These include the classification of animals, learning a new sports (lacrosse!), colours and transport in French and what is right or wrong, looking at different religions and their beliefs.
- Key Dates – TBC.