



Year 4 Transition Information



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Toolkits Your child will be given a school toolkit to use in class. It will include:

- ✓ Pencil/Pen
- ✓ Highlighter
- ✓ Spelling log
- ✓ Other important equipment

All equipment they need will be provided in school therefore own pencil cases will not be allowed in the classroom.

Book Bags/ Folders– and what to have in them!

- Children will be given a plastic folder to put in their drawers which will need their reading book, reading record and link book in. This must be brought to school every day. No book bags/rucksacks will be allowed in the classroom. They must stay in the cloakroom.
- Children's **link book** and **reading record** will need to be brought to school every day. Link books will be checked daily. Reading records are needed for reading to an adult in school & to log guided reading sessions.
- Children will have an **A4 homework book** to work in and stick any loose sheets into.

Letters/ Reply Slips Any notes in link books or reply slips which need to be returned can be put in your child's plastic folder. The children will be encouraged to check them each morning and give things in during registration. This is the children's responsibility as we will not check individual folders daily. Link books will be handed in in the morning and checked by an adult.

Beaumanor Hall

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Spelling and Times tables

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Reading in Year 4... Your child will be given a school reading scheme book and a reading record. They will need to keep their book and reading record in their plastic folder to bring to school **every day**. It is important that you continue to read with your child on a regular basis and make any comments in their reading record. At least 3 times a week will reinforce the work we are doing in school.

The children will also have lots of opportunities to read and enjoy books throughout the week at school, individually and in groups. A log of guided reading groups will be made in the back of the reading record. Children will also have a school library book which they can change weekly on a Friday.

Your child will be able to change their scheme books once a week on a Monday. They must have had it signed off by an adult to change it.

In line with the National Curriculum standards for mastery, children must read the book but also be able to discuss and answer questions on it. For this reason, we are trying to slow down the amount children are reading and ensure that they are exposed to good quality questioning about what they have read.

Handwriting Pen Children may only write with the handwriting pen provided in school. Children will need to earn a pen licence before being given a pen. Children can also lose their pen licence if handwriting becomes untidy.

Homework Homework will be given out on a Friday to be completed by the following Wednesday. Homework may be written or online. Unless stated otherwise, homework should be completed in the homework book. Homework may take the form of a project or be linked to what we have covered in lessons that week.

Water Bottles The children may bring their own water bottle to keep in class which they can access throughout the day and fill up as needed. Please make sure your child's name is written clearly on their water bottle.

PE PE kits must be in school at all times as timetables may change. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled and kit is appropriate for the type of weather. (Shorts in nice weather/ tracksuit bottoms in cold weather) PE days will be Tuesday and Wednesday.



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