



To Children and Parents of Year 4

My name is Miss Whittingham and I am your new class teacher for 2018/19.

My Roles and Responsibilities

- Y4 class teacher
- Modern foreign languages and global links coordinator
- Maths project leader

About Me

The main things to know about me are that I love animals (especially dogs) and I love to laugh. I'm always pushing myself to learn new things - at the moment I'm learning lots about gardening. Prepare to hear lots about my garden - if you're lucky I might even bring some cuttings in for you to keep! My favourite hobby is definitely travelling. I lived and taught in France for a while and I also spent a year in Canada. I've got my most exciting adventure yet coming up this summer as I am going to Borneo to trek in the rainforest and hopefully meet some orang-utans! (With a few days to relax on a beach at the end of course!) I'll tell you all about it in September. When I can't go to other places, I think the next best thing is reading about them, so you'll often find me with my head in a book (or travel brochure!)

What you can expect from me

I love learning so you can expect me to show you good learning behaviours. I expect you to follow my example and be resourceful, reflective, resilient learners who work well together. I will provide you with a safe learning environment where everyone is free to make mistakes and push themselves. I like being creative so you can expect lots of exciting learning activities in my class, as well as lots of challenge! I have very high standards; I will always do my very best to help you learn so I expect you to work hard in return. I am really looking forward to getting to know you all better, so expect me to be interested in whatever you're interested in! I will share with you: my favourite books and poems, a few little anecdotes about my own adventures and challenges, and last but not least, lots of giggles!

Have a wonderful summer! I can't wait to start our journey together in September.



Summer Home Learning

Reading- Summer Reading Challenge

Go to your local Library and take part in the Summer Reading challenge. Once you have completed it bring it into school in September to celebrate with the class. See below for details:

WIRRAL libraries are hosting an exciting challenge for children to read up to six books this summer.

Children aged four to 11 can enter the challenge by borrowing and reading any six library books during the holidays by heading to their library where they will be given a collector folder to keep a reading record.

This year's theme is 'Animal Agents' based on a detective agency staffed by all kinds of clever animals who are out to crack a case at the library.

With each book they read children will then collect stickers which will help them crack the clues and help the 'Animal Agents' find out what's really been going on behind the scenes.

Writing- Send a Postcard

Attached is a postcard for you to send to school. Write about something fun you have done over the holidays or a piece of news you'd like to share. Then attach a stamp, put it in the post box and send it back to school. You may like to add a picture too!

Maths- Times Tables

Please make sure you know how to tell the time fluently to the nearest minute. By the end of Year 4, you should know all of your times tables (and their division facts) up to 12x12. Your challenge this summer is to make sure you know your 10, 2, 5, 3, 4, and 8 times tables off by heart. We will focus on the 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12s this year but you could always get a head start on those too! "Little and often" practice is the best way to learn them - 10 minutes every day. You could try:

- practise them by throwing and catching a ball
- make yourself a big number line with all the multiples and cover them with post-its one by one as you learn them
- make yourself some cards with the division fact on one side and the multiplication on the other
- draw them as arrays
- try online games like hit the button to get your speed up

Don't forget our '30 THINGS EVERY CHILD SHOULD DO BEFORE THEY LEAVE EASTWAY' challenge. You may like to cross a few of these off this summer.