



Academic Year 20/21

Transition to Year 4

June 2020

Welcome to Year 4 Fantastic Foxes Class! We are all very excited about the start of a new year and I'm sure you are too! Year 4 is an exciting year fun filled with practical D.T. projects to themed history days! It is also a year where you will develop mature qualities and continue to grow into exceptional young people. Let's introduce you to the staff ...

Meet the Teaching Team



Miss Kendall

2020-2021 will be Miss Kendall's 4th year teaching at Walkley Primary School and her 3rd year teaching a Year 4 class. Miss Kendall organises all the sporting activities within school and this is also seen in her teaching as she loves to get up and moving. She especially enjoys teaching drama and being creative. So, get ready for a year of moving, being imaginative and having fun!



Mrs. Wilson
Monday, Tuesday and Friday

This will be Mrs Wilson's 4th year working in Year 4. It will also be Mrs Wilson's 19th year working at Walkley Primary School! She knows you are artistic and creative, she too likes crafting and making things. She is so looking forward to working with you all. You're going to have lots of fun!



Mrs Nellist
Wednesday

Mrs Nellist has worked at Walkley for over 7 years. She is really happy to be working with some of the same children again next year. You might also recognise her from working in KS1 where she works some days of the week. She is really excited for another year of brilliant learning.



Mr Clements
Thursday

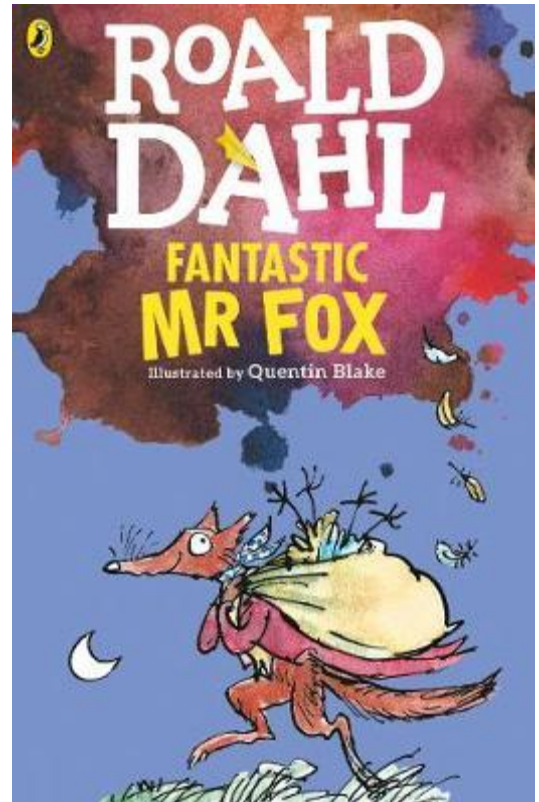
Mr Clements has been working at Walkley Primary School since 2015 and has lots of experience of working with children in many year groups in his role of learning mentor, teaching assistant and play leader. Mr Clements is very excited to be working in Y4 and is looking forward to working with the same year groups of children for another year. He can't wait to be a Fantastic Fox!

Our Class Name – Fantastic Foxes

The name 'Foxes' or even better 'Fantastic Foxes' comes from a fabulous book called 'Fantastic Mr Fox' written by Roald Dahl.

We will read this book as a class at the start of the year and I'm sure you will all see why it is a book worthy of our class being named after.

Without spoiling the book too much, Mr Fox and his family live underground near three nasty farmers. Mr Fox is very clever as he thinks of cunning ways to keep his family safe. He also comes up with smart plans to steal from the farmers to feed his family and other animals. We can't wait to share the book with you!



Our Classroom

Our classroom from September will be where the Fantastic Foxes were last year. We have a very large classroom with a wet/art area and a back room to be used with Mrs Wilson and Mr Clements.



A glimpse into the future...



What will we study this year?

Our Topics

The Classics: Ancient Greece & The Roman Empire

An exploration of how these ancient civilisations have had an influence on the modern world and how people lived over two thousand years ago.

How Was England Made?

An exploration of how the Britons, the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings shaped the British Isles.

A day in the life of Year 4

The timetable will remain very similar to how it has been in previous years. Although there will be points in the year where English and Maths will take up more of the teaching time, particularly with gaps in learning due to the closure of schools since March, it is still vital that the children receive a balanced diet in terms of the curriculum. Therefore, computing, the creative curriculum, science, PSHE and PE will remain prominent within each term.

A typical day could look something like this:

- 8:50 – Morning Work
- 9:10 – Literacy
- 10:15 – Assembly
- 10:35 – Break time
- 10:50 – Maths
- 12:00 – Lunch time
- 1:00 – Guided reading
- 1:40 – PE
- 2:30 – History
- 3:15 – Home time

What is the same and what is different?

There are lots of things that will stay the same for you. Class wide rewards and house points remain as will the flip side of warnings and sanctions. Mr. Clements and Mrs Jkinson will support you in the same way and our approaches to teaching such as using Big Maths, TT Rockstars and the ten step approach to writing remain. In Year 4, we usually learn how to play the violin all year with weekly lessons from the Sheffield Music Hub and have opportunities to perform to parents and other classes throughout the year. There may also be a chance to take up weekly swimming lessons at Zest in Upperthorpe.



CASTLETON



In Year 4, we have an opportunity to spend 2 nights away from school at Castleton! Our days away are nonstop filled with exciting learning. You will have chance to learn new skills and information linking in with our history topics (in the picture, you can see last year Y4's demonstrating a Roman battle technique using shields). You will also learn about the history of Castleton including trips down mines and walks around the village. There will also be down time to explore the hostel grounds and visit the goats!

Ways you can prepare for life in Year 4

- Try to read every day over the summer holidays. It's great to get lost in a good book. Try and challenge yourself to read a different genre than you are used to. I wonder if you can discover a new favourite author? There are some great online reads on the new **Lower Key Stage Two Virtual Library** that you can access through the school blog. Maybe keep up to date with the news through daily reading – the **Newsround** website is a great way of keeping up to date with current affairs.
- Practice your time tables. In Y4 there is a big push for knowing your times table facts and they form the basis of so many other areas of maths. If you have rapid recall of these facts, other areas of maths become easier. Use your **TT Rock Stars** personal login to regularly practice these.
- Try to write a few times a week. A **daily diary** is a great way of writing each day and always great to look back on. Why don't you try writing a letter or postcard to someone in your family or a friend that you've not seen for a while? I'm sure it would brighten up their day to hear from you.
- Spend plenty of time outdoors - playing, exercising, maybe even exploring somewhere new – we live so close to beautiful countryside and there's so many places to see. Fresh air and exercise are so good for our physical and mental health.
- **Complete the form attached for discussion on your return to school – we want to know about you and how we can help you.**

Most of all, unwind and relax over the summer so that when you return to school you're ready for another fantastic year at Walkley Primary School. We can't wait to see you and share the Year 4 adventure with you!

**Take care,
The Year 4 Team**

My Transition to Year 4

The things I enjoy at school are _____

The things I am interested in are _____

The things I would like to improve are _____

Adults can help me in school by _____

My aspirations for the future are _____

Some things I would like you to know about me are _____
