



## Welcome to Silver Birch Class!



I hope you have had a lovely time over the summer and I am sure you are now ready to start the new school year, so welcome to Silver Birch Class - Year 4!

I am looking forward to getting to know you and working together so that we have a very exciting and productive year. I hope that you enjoy the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 4 has to offer. Please arrive on the yard at **8:50am** to enter our classroom. You can be collected from the yard to go home at **3:05pm**.

### Transition from Year 3 to Year 4

Our aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from Year 3 to Year 4. The Year 4 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Year 3. I know we haven't had an opportunity to complete the usual transition activities which happen in July, however we will be spending the first 3 days getting to know each other and completing transition activities. I am really looking forward to welcoming my class back on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Please don't hesitate to email me if you have any questions or queries. My email address is: [s.richmond201@aycliffevillage.durham.sch.uk](mailto:s.richmond201@aycliffevillage.durham.sch.uk)

Miss Richmond

### Reading in Year 4

Your child will be reading with an adult during the first or second week of the autumn term. I will ensure they have the correct reading book band colour to start the year. Reading book band levels might not change straight away as children have had time out of school and we need to ensure we assess correctly before this happens. Your child will have many opportunities to read and enjoy books throughout each week. We will have daily guided reading sessions in class and children may receive additional reading sessions outside of guided reading lessons. We will still have a class reading challenge chart to record and monitor reading at home!

### Maths and English in Year 4

You child will have daily English and Maths lessons in school. Additional Maths and English support may be provided if your child needs this in certain areas. I will be teaching the Year 4 curriculum, however there may be gaps to fill with missing knowledge from when school was closed. I will take this into account when planning and preparing lessons.

### General Reminders...

- The children will be doing **PE** on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. Please ensure your child wears their PE kit to school on the day and that all items are clearly labelled with their names.
- Any letters or reply slips, which need to be returned, can be put in your child's book bag. The children are encouraged to check them each morning and hand things in.
- Your child should only bring a coat, book bag and water bottle to school each day. Water bottles are kept in class and children can access them throughout the day. Please make sure your child's name is written clearly on their water bottle. They will be sent home daily for cleaning.