



BILLIONAIRE NEWS

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Hello parents/carers,

I've had a lovely first day getting to know our new Year 4 class - the Billionaires! I thought this would be a good time to introduce myself properly.

My name is Miss Phillips, and I'll be your child's class teacher this year. This is my seventh year at Tankersley St. Peter's Primary, and I'm also the Computing Lead for the school. I have two children of my own - Harry, who is 13, and Evie, who is 16 - so I know just how quickly these school years fly by!

In Year 4, we have some brilliant topics to explore together, including the Terrible Tudors, Awesome Egyptians, and Vicious Vikings - all favourites of mine, and hopefully soon of your child too!

1. Morning routine.

We're encouraging children to become more independent this year. The classroom doors open at **8:45am**.

When children come in, they should:

- Put their lunchbox in the correct place
- Put their water bottle in the tray by the sink
- Settle down quietly to their morning maths activity

2. What your child needs to bring.

Please make sure your child brings the following items to school each day:

- A **water bottle**
- A **book bag or school bag** (for their reading book and homework)
- A **packed lunch** (unless they're having a school meal)
- A **coat** - we go outside in most weathers!

Children **do not need a pencil case**, as all stationery is provided. Personal items can sometimes cause distractions, so we ask that these stay at home.

3. Reading.

Reading is very important in Year 4. We have lots of books available in class and in the KS2 library, and children are also welcome to bring in a book from home if they'd prefer.

Please encourage your child to read at least three times a week at home. Every Monday, we check reading records, which should be signed by an adult. If your child has read three times, they'll receive a reading token.

4. Homework and spellings.

- Homework is set on **Thursdays** and should be returned by the following **Monday**. It will usually be a **reading comprehension** or a **task on MyMaths**.
- Children should also practise their **times tables** using **TT Rock Stars** at least three times a week. In Year 4, children take part in the **Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)** in June. I've attached last year's parent guide, but we'll update you when new information is available.
- **Spellings** (6 words per week) are in the homework folder and on the school website. These are tested weekly.
- Logins for **MyMaths**, **TT Rock Stars**, and **Purple Mash** are in your child's **reading diary** and should be kept safe inside their **homework folder**.

5. PE days.

Our PE days will be **Monday** and **Wednesday**. Children can arrive to school in PE kit on these days. Long hair must be tied back for PE and no jewellery worn.

Later in the year (around February or March), swimming lessons will begin and run for 15 weeks, replacing the Monday PE lesson. We'll send more information closer to the time.

6. Toys and personal items.

Please ensure your child does not bring any toys, fidget items, cards, or jewellery to school unless we have specifically asked them to.

7. Concerns.

If you have any concerns regarding your child, I am usually available at the end of the school day. You can also contact the school office if you'd prefer to arrange a time to speak.

What do I need to bring?	Reading Diary	Homework folder	PE kit
Monday	✓	✓	✓
Tuesday	✓		
Wednesday	✓		✓
Thursday	✓	✓	
Friday	✓		

Thank you very much for your support, and I look forward to working with you and your child for this academic year.

Warm regards,

Miss Phillips