

Staff in Year 4

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Meet the Teacher Evening for Year 4

Welcome to the Year 4 classroom. If you have time please feel free to have a look around the classroom environment and ask any questions about what we have been working on.

Year 4 is a big transition for children as they move upstairs into the upper part of the school and it comes with many challenges and rewards. The Year 4 classroom is a positive, supportive environment where children are given opportunities to work as a team as well as achieving individually to the best of their ability. We aim to help pupils to become more independent and resilient in their learning as the year progresses, in order to best prepare them for the transition to Upper KS2.

Daily routines

Start of the day: Children come into the classroom at 8:45am and settle down to an early morning task. Registration is 8.50am- 8:55am. Please go to the office to register if you arrive after this time.

Fruit: children are encouraged to bring a piece of fruit as a mid-morning snack to maintain energy levels.

Water: In Year 4 children can keep a bottle of water in the classroom.

End of the day: Children are dismissed from class at 3.30pm.

PE: Wednesday and Friday (typically) Children will need indoor and outdoor kits (shorts, T shirt, plimsolls or trainers, and a tracksuit for colder weather). It's usually best to leave these in school all week or all half term. Occasionally we may take advantage of good weather later in a week if outdoor PE was disrupted by bad weather.

Recorders: Children will need to bring in their recorders for lessons on a Tuesday. Children are encouraged to practise at home during the week and sign their recorder practice diary.

Homework

- **Reading:** children are encouraged to read at home every day (20 minutes) with either the parent/carer or child noting and commenting in the diary. Please also encourage children to write a brief note in their reading record when they have finished a book detailing whether or not they have enjoyed the book and why (this way we hope to allow children time to reflect on what they have read!). Children need to bring their school library book to and from school every day.
- **Spellings:** these have been worked on daily in class through the week are sent to you for a final practice at the weekend, this is in preparation for the Monday spellcheck.
- **Times tables:** we will be practising times tables over the course of the year, as it is the aim that by the end of Year 4 pupils know their 1-12 times tables fluently. Any further practice you can do with the children at home would be a huge help!

A basic timetable

Our timetable is subject to change each half term and may also alter during the week according to the needs or working speed of the class.

Monday	Daily challenge/re	G Reading Carousel	Grammar Hammer	Break	Maths	Lunch
		Spellings Check				
Tuesday		G Reading Carousel	Literacy		Maths	
		Spellings				
Wednesday		G Reading Carousel	Literacy		Maths	
		G reading Carousel	Literacy	Du	Maths	

Projects (covered largely in Topic lessons)

Autumn	Spring	Summer
History – Roman Britain	Geography – Europe Geography - Rivers	Science – The Human Body Art – Making a Point

Please note that our class assembly will be in the second half of autumn term, date TBC.

The Year 4 children have made a great start to the new school year and the whole teaching team look forward to working with you and your children as the year goes on. Thank you for all your continuing support.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss anything this year. Please either telephone or email the school office to request this, and a time to talk to you can be arranged. Alternatively feel free to catch me at the school gates at pick up time.

Further details about school life throughout the year are available on our school website: <https://shelfordschool.eschools.co.uk>

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