



Welcome to Year 4!

Information for parents

Class Teacher

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Term 1 Weekly Timetable

	Bellwork	Session 1		Session 2		Session 3		Assembly	Session 4		Session 5	Register/Story
Day	9:40am – 9:10am	9:10am – 9:45am		9:50am – 10:45am		11:00am – 12:05pm		1:00pm – 1:20pm	1:20pm – 2:00pm		2:00pm – 2:50pm	3:00pm
Mon	Maths	Whole Class Reading	Brain break - 5 mins	Literacy	Morning Playtime - 15 mins	Maths	Lunch - 1 hour	Class Assembly	Spelling	Afternoon Playtime - 15 mins	PSHE	Story/ reflection/ mindfulness colouring/ drawing tutorials
Tues	Handwriting	Whole Class Reading		Literacy		Maths		Class Assembly	Grammar		Topic	
Wed	Maths	Whole Class Reading		Literacy		Maths		Father's Assembly	Arithmetic		Science	
Thurs	Spelling	Whole Class Reading		Literacy		Maths		Mindfulness	RE		Computing	
Fri	Maths	Lifelong Readers		Literacy		Maths		Celebration Assembly	PE		PE	

Please be aware that this timetable is likely change throughout the year

Yearly Topic Overview

		Term 1 (8)	Term 2 (7)	Term 3 (6)	Term 4 (6)	Term 5 (6)	Term 6 (7)
Main Term Topic	Subject Focus:	History & Geography		Science		Art & Design	
	Theme:	Intrepid Explorers		Going Green!		Perfect Portraits	
	Topic:	Aztecs	Tudor Exploration	Plastic Pollution	Global Warming	Post-Impressionism	Shape & Colour
Science	Science Bug Unit	Grouping Living Things	Human Nutrition	Dangers to Living things	Changing States	Sound	Electricity
	Key Question	How do scientists group living things?	How does our digestive system work?	How does plastic pollution damage the planet?	How does climate change cause sea levels to rise?	How we hear sound?	How does a circuit work?

A full curriculum overview is available on the Y4 section on school website.

Homework

When is homework due in?

All homework is due in on Friday.

What homework will my child be set?

Every Friday, new homework will be set for the week.

This includes:

Maths - Times Table Rockstars -

<https://trockstars.com/>

Literacy - SpellingFrame –

<https://spellingframe.co.uk/>

Where can I access my child's login information?

All of the login information your child needs will be laminated and given to your child as a bookmark.

What is the expectation for homework?

Reading Books

How often does my child need to read at home?

Every child is expected to read at home 5 times per week.

What books should my child be reading?

Every child will be given a reading book at the appropriate level which they can take home. In addition to this, they may also wish to read their own books materials from home.

How should I record how often my child has read?

All reading should be recorded in your child's reading record which will be checked every Friday. If a child reads 5 times or more, they will earn a Dojo.

How often is my child's reading level assessed?

Times Table Rockstars – 25 mins per week (this could be done in short bursts of 5 mins each)
SpellingFrame - 25 mins per week (this could be done in short bursts of 5 mins each)

Your child's reading level will be assessed every term and note of this will be made in the child's reading record.

What if my child needs to change their reading book?

The class will be given time every Friday to change their reading books but can do so earlier in the week if necessary. Changing their book is the child's responsibility.

Key Texts

English	Key Text:	Recovery Unit: Black Dog by Levi Penfold + Leon and the Place Between	Diver's Daughter: A Tudor Story by Patrice Lawrence	Flotsam by David Wiesner	The Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo	The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo	FARThER by Grahame Baker-Smith
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Please be aware that Key Texts for the year may change in response to the needs of pupils.

Rewards and Sanctions



Class Dojo

Children can earn Dojos for being good role models and demonstrating our school behaviours of **Positivity, Appreciation, Courtesy, On Task, Respect & Kindness**. Dojos are tracked using an online app which is shared with the children throughout the school day. Texts will be sent to parents when a child shows examples of outstanding behaviour.

Children can also lose Dojos when they break or disregard these behaviours:

Step 1. Verbal warning. **Step 2.** Loose a Dojo. **Step 3.** Miss playtime & speak to Headteacher + parents informed

Frequently Asked Questions

When does my child need their PE kit?

Due to the current restrictions placed on schools due to the Covid-19 outbreak, children will need to wear their PE kits into school on the day they have PE. In term 1, Year 4 will need to wear their PE kit into school **every Friday**. They may wish to wear tracksuit bottoms, leggings or hoodies in cold weather.

What stationary should my child bring to school?

Your child does not need to bring any stationery into school. We have provided a pack of stationery for each child which they keep in their drawer.

What assessments take place in Year 4 and when?

Things to focus on on Y4

Times Tables & Number Bonds

By the end of Year 4, children should be able to confidently recall their times tables to 12. Having a secure knowledge of their times tables and also number bonds to 20, will be extremely beneficial when learning new concepts introduced as they move into Upper KS2.



<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/>

<https://mathsnoproblem.com/en/mastery/number-bonds/>

Spelling

Key spelling rules will be set for homework each week but the Year 3/4 statutory spellings are also really useful to practise at home.

- Termly assessments for reading, writing and maths.
- Weekly informal arithmetic and spelling tests.
- Statutory Multiplication Tables Check. This happens during the summer term and is completed online and will last around 5 minute. Children will be given six seconds to answer each of the 25 questions, with a three second blank gap between each question.

https://cdn.oxfordowl.co.uk/2019/08/29/13/54/08/76f1443d-9b6d-4030-be0d-25fcfef01438/SpellingWordList_Y3-4.pdf

Cursive Handwriting

By Year 4, children will have an opportunity to earn their pen licence by demonstrating consistently high standards of presentation. To support them with improving handwriting, you can encourage them to practise their handwriting at home. <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/teaching-wiki/cursive-handwriting>

Contact

I need to pass a message to my child's teacher...

You can call or email the office and your message will be passed on to the class teacher by office staff.

I want to speak to my child's teacher...

If you would like to speak to the class teacher, you can arrange an appointment by calling or emailing the school office. The teacher will then get back to you via phone or email as soon as convenient.

My child is ill and unable to attend school...

Please call to inform the office by 9:30am.

Please be aware that at present, there are restrictions on face-to-face contact between staff and parents. Because of this, our preferred method of communication is via email or phone call.

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