

Year 4 – Autumn Term

Parents' Information Session



What is year four all about?

What the children said...

- Learning new things
- Growing up, gaining more self confidence and independence
- Getting ready for middle school
- Responsibility
- Setting an example
- Home learning
- Looking after Buddies
- New Challenges
- Hard work
- Being the oldest in the school
- Doing things for ourselves

What we are trying to achieve...

- Children who learn how to learn.
- Motivated individuals who are confident.
- Children who try and are ready for new challenges.
- A growing sense of independence and responsibility.
- Children who are aware of their strengths and have good self esteem.
- Children who work to the best of their ability, reaching their potential.

Timetable

Year 4 Timetable 2019-2020

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.45-8.55	Brain Blitz				
8.55-9.00	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration
9.00-9.50	Power Maths				
9.50-10.20	Daily Mile / Snack				
10.20-11.20	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy
11.20-11.40	Assembly	Assembly	Assembly	Assembly	Assembly
11.40-12.40	RWI / Reading				
12.40-1.40	Lunch / Play				
1:40-2.30	Science	PE (Basketball)	PE (Swimming)	PSHE	Computing
2.30-3.20	Science	Art and DT	PE (Swimming)	French / Music	RE
3.20-3.30	Story Time	Story Time	PE (Swimming)	Story Time	Story Time

Topics - Shakespeare and Our Blue Planet: Water.

History, Science, Geography, Art, DT, Literacy, PE, Drama and Music.

SSF – Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ea-W7KugL5U>

Knowledge Organisers:

Follow what your child is learning in class.

Talk to children about what they have learned.

Catch up with things if your child is away.

Help them to feel confident about their learning by looking at what is coming up and learning key facts.



Our Class Charter, Praise and Rewards.

Our charter is under construction! It contains class rules, based on the child's rights and responsibilities and inspired by the theme of the power of writing and Shakespeare.

The children are praised for their achievements in learning and behaviour through our online app – Marvellous me.

More certificates will be given for exceptional effort and work in all subjects. The children will be challenged to work hard and meet increasingly challenging targets for each individual's needs.

Let's enjoy a book



Enjoyment

Encouragement

Discussion



Sharing

Authors

Interest



Audiences

There's something for everyone.

Reading, Spelling and Home Learning

Reading – Many children have gained fluency by year 4 and attention switches to the in-depth understanding of the text read. It is still vitally important the children have regular and frequent reading sessions at home and school. This might not just be reading fiction, lots of reading takes place incidentally (signs, instructions, information, newspapers, magazines...). Instead of hearing your child read every night, try the following:

- Reading to younger or older siblings.
- Discussing books, themes and ideas.
- Finding information together in books or on the internet.
- Reading and writing emails.
- Reading newspaper articles together.

Reading in school

- Intense reading in school during RWI session every day. Focus on challenging texts.
- Accelerated Reader Programme
- Library monitors and library time to commence next week.
- Reading to younger children part of year 4's responsibility.
- Reading through every subject – expectation for independence in this.
- Individual reading time for those who still need it and 1:1 supported reading to help children who need to catch up.

Reading, Spelling and Home Learning

Spelling – Our RWI sessions encompass all spelling activities that your child requires. Spellings will come home weekly for those children in RWI Spelling Groups.

Those children revising phonics still need to be focusing on reading activities and recognising using phonetic spelling techniques.

Weekly home learning tasks will contain one element of English or Maths. Homeworks will be provided each Friday, normally to be returned by the following Friday.

Reading, Spelling and Home Learning

Home learning – We send home learning home on a weekly basis.

- Develop or review a particular area of learning.
- To prepare children for the expectations to complete home learning at middle school.

Many children are motivated to complete their homework and all efforts are praised. We try to make the activities accessible to all and fun so that the children are motivated to do them, although home learning is not compulsory we do positively encourage children to have a go and chase up those who do not return it.

All home learning is blogged and a paper copy is given out on Friday to be returned for the following Friday unless otherwise stated.

Dates for your diary

- 23rd September - Workshop Day SSF
- 30th September - Friday 11th October- FARMING FORTNIGHT
- during FARMING FORTNIGHT – trip to Maiden Castle Farm pm.
- 10th October - Wacky Hair for Hospice Care
- 11th October – Harvest Festival and Autumn Fest.
- 22nd and 23rd October – Parents’ Evening
- 4th November – Training Day
- 6th November – Performance Weymouth Pavillion SSF
- 14th November – Class Assembly
- 2nd-6th December - STEM week.
- 13th December – Technology Day
- 17th to 19th December – Christmas Performances
- 20th December – Christmas Party

Swimming

- Swimming to begin Wednesday 25th September.
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Lastly...

- Please come and talk to the year 4 team if you need to.
- Any questions?