

Believe Achieve Succeed

Year Four information letter – Spring 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back,

Topics

Our English genres for this term are Instructions and Portal stories. The whole class texts we will be reading are Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone as well as Varmints and Little People Big Dreams: Marie Curie. Some useful resources can be found on www.harrypotter.bloomsbury.com/uk/fun-stuff.

For maths this year children will be in sets. We will continue to develop and build on their maths and problem-solving knowledge. Continuing to develop their mental fluency is very important. As you should be aware, Year 4 will be taking a multiplication check test online in the Summer term, this website has a mock of the real test: <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/> In addition, please support your child to continue accessing Times Table Rockstars at home.

As well as daily maths and English lessons, the children will be learning about the following topics throughout this term:

- Science: Electricity and Soundwaves, resources can be found on this website www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/z2pfb9q
- Topic: Europe, children may find this website helpful <https://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/europe-facts.htm>
- RE: Sacred Texts www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/religion
- PSHE: Behaviour and Expectations and Becoming better learners
- ICT: We are Musicians
- PE: Swimming some more information can be found at www.swimming.org/swimengland/products-and-resources-swimmer-parents
- Music: European Music, helpful resources can be found at <http://www.euroclubschools.org/page41.htm>

Reminders:

Swimming

All classes go swimming on a Monday morning. Until the end of February, children will be travelling to and from the pool by coach. A reminder please that children MUST bring their hats as they are not allowed to swim without them. It is important that hats are taken out of bags after swimming to dry naturally, as this prevents them from ripping/losing their elasticity. If you need to buy your child a new hat, we can purchase these for you at the swimming pool at a cost of £2.50. Earrings are NOT allowed to be worn when swimming, teachers will not be able to take earrings out or put them back in. If you wish your child to wear goggles, please ensure that they fit properly and your child is able to put them on themselves. The swimming teachers have noted that some children are being distracted by poorly fitted goggles.



Golden Values

Everyone in our school is expected to follow our Golden Values to ensure that the children can learn in a safe, stimulating and supportive environment. The Golden Values are that we show respect by:

- Being honest
- Being kind, helpful and gentle
- Looking after property
- Listening
- Doing our best

KS2 Planner

Planners should be bought into school every day. Should your child's planner become defaced, destroyed or lost, we will have to ask for a £2.50 contribution to replace it. The planners are a very handy way of communicating between home and school so please use the comment pages to let us know anything you think is relevant, and ask your child to hand it to their teacher directly!

Home Learning

Your children are receiving a new jigsaw of activities this half term and are expected to complete two activities from their jigsaw per week. In addition, they are still expected to learn their spellings each week and practise their times tables.

Reading

Children read daily at Oak Green School. Good reading skills are vital in allowing children to make progress and we ask that you read with your child at home as often as possible (preferably daily). Please record any reading your child does in their KS2 planner. It is important that the reading books that are sent home are returned to school. If a book is lost, we will ask for a £5 contribution to replace it. School reading-scheme books will be changed weekly, therefore it is important every child has another book which they can read and enjoy in addition to the school book. If you need advice on book recommendations, your child's class teacher will be able to provide ideas for you!

Library

We will be organising another visit to the library in the town centre soon; the children loved this in year 3 and it really helped ignite a love for reading for them. If you would like more information about how to join the library and borrow books, DVDs and audiobooks for free for you to enjoy with your child, pop in and visit them or <https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/libraries/using-the-library/join-the-library/>

Drinks

In lessons, children may only drink water. We suggest that your child brings in a bottle of water in addition to their lunchtime drink. Bottles should be labelled with the child's name.

Important Dates

Friday 10th Jan	Club letters to go out to parents
Friday 17th Jan	Club offer letters out
Monday 20th Jan	Clubs start
Weds 22th Jan	1pm School Council to visit Mayor's Council chambers
Friday 14th Feb	School closes for half term 3.15pm
Monday 24th Feb	School reopens
Tuesday 3 rd March	Parents Eve
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
	Parents' Eve
Friday 6th March	Year 4 Harry Potter trip
Weds 11 th March	4B + 4C Multiskills trip to Aylesbury High School (afternoon)
Monday 16th March	Year 4 assessment week
Friday 27th March	Clubs end
Tuesday 31st March	Arts Specialist Day
Weds 1st April	Inter-house tournament
Friday 3rd April	Last day of school before Easter break
Monday 20th April	School re-opens to children

Should you have any questions, please feel free to come and talk to us on the playground. If there are concerns you would like to discuss in private, you can speak to the office who will arrange an appointment for you.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Mrs Mynott, Miss Reece and Miss Williams