

Welcome to Year 4 : Autumn 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the beginning of the school year and to Class 4! We hope you had a lovely summer. It's fantastic to see the children refreshed by their holidays and settling happily back into school.

Timetables for this half of term are in homework diaries. Please remember that children should have clear pencil cases containing writing equipment, including whiteboard pens (which can be bought from the office for 60p) and glue sticks. Any donations of glue sticks for general class use would be very welcome. PE kits should be in school at all times and kept in the children's lockers. Year 4 have Forest School this half term, so please ensure they bring all their kit in on Fridays.

Literacy targets for the term will be set based on your children's next steps in their summer reports and put into homework diaries. Please talk to your child about their targets and encourage them to work hard towards them. We strongly believe in encouraging children to take ownership of their learning, which includes developing both a love of learning for its own sake and a responsible, hard-working attitude. Well done to those children who found time to read regularly and practise their times tables over the summer.

We enjoy hearing about children's achievements outside school. Please let us know of any extra-curricular achievements, for instance passing a music exam, attaining a well-earned badge in Cubs or playing particularly well in sport at the weekend.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or concerns. Find one of us on the playground, jot down a note in the homework diary (checked on Tuesdays) or send an email via the school office to make an appointment or arrange a phone call.

Please do come to 'Meet the Teacher' on Wednesday 25th September at 7pm

We are looking forward to a fantastic year with your children in Class 4.

Mrs Ellison

Mrs Clegg

Mrs Russell

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Curriculum at a Glance – Autumn Term 2019

English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stories from other cultures (Aesop’s Fables) • Poetry (list poems) • Non-fiction writing (Romans) • Stories set in imaginary worlds (Narnia) • Spelling and grammar • Guided reading 	Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number and place value; • Measurement (area, perimeter, length) • Mental strategies and written methods for addition/ subtraction/ multiplication/ division
Science	States of Matter Animals and Teeth	RE	How did God want us to treat the world?
ICT	General ICT skills & PowerPoint	PE	Football skills, game play and teamwork
History	The Romans	PSHE	Me in my world
French	Introductions, me and my family	Forest School	Remember kit on Fridays!

Home learning – homework diaries are due in every **Tuesday**. It is your child’s responsibility to ensure they find out what the homework is if they miss the lesson when it is set.

SPELLINGS: Set Monday as handwriting practice. Tested the following Monday.	Practise at least 3 times a week, making sure you understand the meaning of the words. Spellings will be set to practise a spelling rule or to support an area of the curriculum. A few spellings from the Year 3 and 4 spelling list will also be included each week (see the list attached).
LITERACY: Set Wednesday, due in Tuesday, sign and add any comments to the homework diary.	30 minutes. Finished too soon? Check and improve – proof-read, add detail, illustrate, extend written work or read related articles or stories. Sometimes set through Reading Express.
MATHS: Set Wednesday, due in Tuesday, sign and add any comments to the homework diary.	30 minutes. This will sometimes be set through Mathletics. Alongside homework, please practise telling the time regularly, using both analogue clocks (with a face) and digital 12 and 24-hour formats.
READING: At LEAST three times a week, with an adult signing and noting comments in the homework diary.	Homework diaries should be in school every day and are checked on Tuesdays. Please keep listening to and reading with your child regularly. Try and make time spent reading together as relaxed and as enjoyable as possible and encourage your child to talk about their reading. Keep reading to your child too-finding time for a bedtime story is a lovely way to end the day and a chance for children to hear language and access books that they may find difficult to read themselves.
TIMES TABLES: Several times a week as required.	The national curriculum target is for all children to know their times tables up to 12x12 by the end of Year 4. It’s a life skill and helps enormously with accessing other areas of maths. Please keep on practising! Times tables tests will be held in class weekly. Year 4 will sit the new national times tables test in June.

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Word List for Year 3

address	answer	appear	arrive
believe	bicycle	calendar	centre
century	certain	complete	continue
decide	describe	early	earth
eight/eighth	experience	experiment	extreme
famous	favourite	February	forward(s)
fruit	grammar	group	history
important	learn	length	library
minute	natural	notice	often
perhaps	popular	probably	promise
quarter	question	regular	remember
sentence	special	strange	strength
therefore	woman	women	

Word List for Year 4

accident(ally)	actual(ly)	breath	breathe
build	busy/business	caught	circle
consider	different	difficult	disappear
enough	exercise	guard	guide
heard	heart	height	imagine
increase	interest	island	knowledge
material	medicine	mention	naughty
occasion(ally)	opposite	ordinary	particular
peculiar	position	possess(ion)	possible
potatoes	pressure	purpose	recent
reign	separate	straight	suppose
surprise	though/although	thought	through
various	weight		