

Year 4 Newsletter - Spring Term 2022

Dear Parents and Pupils,

We hope you all had a restful Christmas break and are ready for the Spring term. The following information provides guidance about Year 4:

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| Staff in Year 4 | Mrs Burdon (Brown Class) Mrs Barker and Mrs Pearson (White Class) Mrs Holman and Mrs Knox Mr Rose (Forest Schools/ PE) |
| Class text this term | The Legend of Podkin One-Ear by Kieran Larwood |
| Homework | English and Maths given online on Google classroom on a Monday, submit online by the following Sunday. Maths - Practising times tables using Times Table Rock Stars English - Spellzone (weekly spellings) |
| Spelling | On a Monday, your child will bring home 5 spellings which we'd like them to learn for a test on the following Monday morning. These are also set as the task on Spellzone. 3 of these words will be based on our weekly spelling rule, and the other 2 words will be from the Year 3/4 list of key spellings which children should know by the end of Year 4. This list is attached to the newsletter. |
| Reading | We ask that the focus at home be on reading. If possible, could you read with your child regularly, discussing the book you have read. As part of our comprehension this year, an ability to understand what is being read is important and the more work children can do on this the better. <i>Please can you write a short comment in your child's reading record to show when you have read with them at home and encourage your child to record the books they have read too. Reading records should also be signed by a parent each week.</i> Children should ensure they have their school reading book and reading record in their bag on a daily basis. They can also bring a book of their own choice and have access to books from the lower junior library. A reading list compiled by our Literacy Lead has also been attached to the newsletter for your child. The list is intended to provide guidance about age-appropriate books. It is also intended to help encourage your child to read a wider variety of genres and authors. We encourage the children to try reading some of the books from this list or to read them with someone at home. These books are all available to borrow from the school library. |
| Library | The lower junior library is open every morning from 8.45am so your child can change their reading book or library book as needed. |

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| PE kit | <p>PE day is a Wednesday. Please remember that your child should come to school already dressed for PE.</p> <p>Our class will continue to access Forest Schools throughout the year, and we will let you know in advance so that appropriate clothing can be worn to school on those days.</p> |
| Potential activities and visits this term. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday afternoons - Ukulele • Friday afternoons (until 11th February) - Gymnastics (come to school in PE kit) • Tuesday 8th February - Safer Internet Day • Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st March - Parents' Evening <p>Hopefully, this term we can arrange a trip to a Roman fort and museum to link with our History topic.</p> |

Please find attached below a copy of the Y3/4 spelling list, Y4 timetable and curriculum information for this term. As always, lessons and timings are flexible based on other events happening in school. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Burdon, Mrs Barker and Mrs Pearson

Y4 Curriculum information - Spring Term

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| English | <p>In English, we will be looking at different aspects of fiction and non-fiction writing and reading skills, including writing a letter, a recount and narrative poetry.</p> <p>The class text is 'The Legend of Podkin One-Ear' by Kieran Larwood.</p> |
| Maths | <p>In Maths this term, we will be covering the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental and written multiplication • Mental and written division • Fractions: finding fractions of quantities, equivalent fractions, adding and subtracting fractions • Decimals: recognise decimal equivalents of $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$, rounding and ordering decimals, dividing decimal numbers by 10 and 100 • Area of rectilinear shapes <p>Potentially in June, all children will be taking part in the Year 4 Multiplication check. Please ensure your child is practising their times tables regularly. These websites, and many others, may help. https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth and https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button</p> |
| Science | <p>Spring 1 - Electricity Spring 2 - Sound</p> |
| History | <p>What was daily life like in Roman Britain?</p> |
| Geography | <p>Why does Italy shake and roar?</p> |
| RE | <p>Spring 1 - Places of worship in our locality Spring 2 - Lent</p> |
| Computing | <p>Spring 1 - Programming 'Repetition in Games' and E-Safety 'Online Relationships' Spring 2 - Computer Systems and Networks 'The Internet' and E-Safety 'Managing Online Information'</p> |
| PE | <p>Dance Net and wall games</p> |
| Music | <p>Ukulele lessons</p> |
| MFL (French) | <p>Spring 1 - My town Spring 2 - Describing people</p> <p>Pupils will develop vocabulary and spoken language</p> |
| Art | <p>Famous Italian Masterpieces</p> |
| DT | <p>Design and make an alarm with a light or buzzer trigger</p> |
| PSHE | <p>This term our topic in PSHE is Relationships. We will start by looking at recognising and challenging stereotypes. We will then spend time looking at promises, commitment and marriage. If you have any questions or concerns about any of these topics, please don't hesitate to contact us</p> |

Y4 Reading List

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| <u>Alice's Adventures in Wonderland</u> | <u>Lewis Carroll</u> |
| <u>The Ogre of Oglefort</u> | <u>Eva Ibbotson</u> |
| <u>Granny</u> | <u>Anthony Horowitz</u> |
| <u>The Dragon's Child</u> | <u>Jenny Nimmo</u> |
| <u>A Bear Called Paddington</u> | <u>Michael Bond</u> |
| <u>Malory Towers Series</u> | <u>Enid Blyton</u> |
| <u>The Borrowers</u> | <u>Mary Norton</u> |
| <u>How to Train a Dragon</u> | <u>Cressida Cowell</u> |
| <u>Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone</u> | <u>J.K. Rowling</u> |
| <u>Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets</u> | <u>J.K. Rowling</u> |
| <u>The Dancing Bear</u> | <u>Michael Morpurgo</u> |
| <u>The Sleeping Sword</u> | <u>Michael Morpurgo</u> |
| <u>Long Way Home</u> | <u>Michael Morpurgo</u> |
| <u>The Wreck of the Zanzibar</u> | <u>Michael Morpurgo</u> |
| <u>The Sea Piper</u> | <u>Helen Cresswell</u> |
| <u>Harry the Poisonous Centipede</u> | <u>Lynne Reid Banks</u> |
| <u>The Famous Five Series</u> | <u>Enid Blyton</u> |
| <u>Gregory Cool</u> | <u>Caroline Binch</u> |
| <u>A Pot of Gold</u> | <u>Jill Bennett</u> |
| <u>Diggers</u> | <u>Terry Pratchett</u> |
| <u>Dragons at Crumbling Castle</u> | <u>Terry Pratchett</u> |
| <u>The Witch's Vacuum Cleaner</u> | <u>Terry Pratchett</u> |
| <u>The Demon Headmaster</u> | <u>Gillian Cross</u> |
| <u>Dog So Small</u> | <u>Philipa Pearce</u> |
| <u>The Battle of Bubble and Squeak</u> | <u>Philipa Pearce</u> |
| <u>Emil and the Detectives</u> | <u>Erich Kastner</u> |
| <u>The Iron Man</u> | <u>Ted Hughes</u> |
| <u>The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe</u> | <u>C S Lewis</u> |
| <u>Little House on the Prairie</u> | <u>Laura Ingalls Wilder</u> |
| <u>Mrs Frisby and the Rats of Nimh</u> | <u>Robert C O'Brien</u> |
| <u>Stig of the Dump</u> | <u>Clive King</u> |
| <u>Matilda</u> | <u>Roald Dahl</u> |
| <u>James and the Giant Peach</u> | <u>Roald Dahl</u> |
| <u>Danny the Champion of the World</u> | <u>Roald Dahl</u> |
| <u>Emily Feather Series</u> | <u>Holly Webb</u> |
| <u>'I Survived' Series</u> | <u>A range of authors</u> |
| <u>Charlotte's Web</u> | <u>E.B. White</u> |
| <u>The Secret Garden</u> | <u>Frances Hodgson Burnett</u> |
| <u>Flour Babies</u> | <u>Anne Fine</u> |
| <u>Clarice Bean That's Me!</u> | <u>Lauren Child</u> |
| <u>Tom Gates Series</u> | <u>Liz Pichon</u> |
| <u>The 13th Storey Tree-House</u> | <u>Andy Griffiths/Terry Denton</u> |
| <u>The World's Worst Children</u> | <u>David Walliams</u> |
| <u>The Demon Dentist</u> | <u>David Walliams</u> |
| <u>The Story of Tracey Beaker</u> | <u>Jacqueline Wilson</u> |

Year 4 timetable

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| Monday | Maths | English | Science | PSHE |
| Tuesday | Maths | English | Computing | RE |
| Wednesday | Maths | English | P.E. | French |
| Thursday | Maths | English | History/Geography | Music |
| Friday | Maths | English | Art/DT | Gymnastics |



Spelling word list for Year 3 and Year 4

100 words that children in England are expected to be able to spell by the end of Year 4 (age 9). How many can you spell?

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| accident(ally) | disappear | interest | pressure |
| actual(ly) | early | island | probably |
| address | earth | knowledge | promise |
| answer | eight/eighth | learn | purpose |
| appear | enough | length | quarter |
| arrive | exercise | library | question |
| believe | experience | material | recent |
| bicycle | experiment | medicine | regular |
| breath | extreme | mention | reign |
| breathe | famous | minute | remember |
| build | favourite | natural | sentence |
| busy/business | February | naughty | separate |
| calendar | forward(s) | notice | special |
| caught | fruit | occasion(ally) | straight |
| centre | grammar | often | strange |
| century | group | opposite | strength |
| certain | guard | ordinary | suppose |
| circle | guide | particular | surprise |
| complete | heard | peculiar | therefore |
| consider | heart | perhaps | though/although |
| continue | height | popular | thought |
| decide | history | position | through |
| describe | imagine | possess(ion) | various |
| different | increase | possible | weight |
| difficult | important | potatoes | woman/women |