

Dear Parents,

We hope that you all had a wonderful and relaxing summer with your families. We're so pleased to have welcomed the children back to school and can't wait to get to know them better in the coming weeks. Brown Class will be taught by Mrs Burdon and supported by Mrs. Reay and White Class will be taught by Mrs Durie and supported by Mrs Clark.

Topics this term

English

This term we will be linking our English to a series of texts based on the Romans. We'll be looking at some of the most famous Roman myths, as well as reading the novel 'Romans on the Rampage' by Jeremy Strong.

Children in Year 4 will also be taking part in the online reading programme 'Reading Plus'. Reading Plus is an adaptive literacy solution that improves fluency, comprehension, vocabulary, stamina and motivation. It is personalised to each individual child according to their current reading ability. Once the children have got used to using the programme, we will send the logins home.

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.

Spellings

On a Monday, your child will bring home 6 spellings which we'd like them to learn for a test on the following Monday morning. These will be stuck in the reading record book. 4 of these words will be based on our weekly spelling rule, and the other 2 words will be high frequency words from Year 2 and Years 3 and 4. These lists are attached to the newsletter.

We will still be using Spellzone in school and setting homework tasks online. Please let us know if you have forgotten your login details for this.

Maths

In Maths this term, we will be using short pre-assessments and our own teacher observations to help us identify any objectives from the previous year which may require further consolidation before moving on to more advanced content. Alongside this, we will be covering the following objectives from the Year 4 curriculum:

- Place Value, ordering and rounding of digits up to 10,000
- Counting in multiples of 6, 7, 9, 25 and 100.
- Adding and subtracting numbers up to 4 digits using formal written methods.
- Recalling multiplication and division facts up to 12×12 .
- Multiplying 2 and 3 digit numbers by a one-digit number.
- Measuring and calculating the perimeter of rectilinear shapes.

Your child should have a Times Tables Rock Stars login. We will set the children challenges on TT Rockstars as part of their homework each week and it really is a fantastic resource to help children learn their times tables so please do make use of it at home. If anyone is struggling to login, please let us know.

History - A year-long focus on the Romans beginning with 'Why did the Romans march through Durham?'

Geography - Our unit this term will have us looking at Europe and using geographical skills to learn more about our continent.

Science - Our areas of study during the Autumn term this year in science will be 'Animals including Humans' and 'States of Matter'.

Computing - In our lessons we will be learning all about the Internet and will then complete a programming unit. E-safety will focus on keeping our personal information safe.

Art - Keeping in step with our history topic, we will look at Roman mosaic patterns and prints.

D&T - The children will be designing and making a moving character which uses pneumatics to initiate the movement.

PSHE/RSE - This term our topic in PSHE is Health and Wellbeing. We will focus on using a greater vocabulary to describe our emotions and recognise emotions in others. We will look at ways to manage our mental health and ways to boost our resilience. We will finish off the term looking at recognising, predicting and assessing risks, particularly focusing on risks in our local environment and road safety. If you have any questions or concerns about any of these topics, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Dates

Forest schools: Wednesday 28th September and Wednesday 7th December

Year 4 Worship for parents: Thursday 20th October

October Half term: Friday 21st October

Parents' Evening: Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th November

Timetable

Please find attached a copy of the Year 4 timetable. This is to give you an idea about what your child has learned each day but is subject to change (other than PE).

This year our PE day is a Friday. Please remember that your child should come to school already dressed for PE. Children 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.

Homework

In Year 4, children will receive Maths and English homework on a Monday, to be completed by the following Monday when it will be marked. This could be Times Tables Rock Stars or Spellzone. In addition to our English and Maths homework, we ask that you read with your child for 10 to 15 minutes each night. Fostering a life-long love of reading is our main focus and so we encourage you to also read **to** your child, discussing the book you are reading - this may include character intent [Why did he say that?] but also your own responses to the plot [I don't think I could have done that because...]

Whether they have read to you or you to them, *please can you encourage your child to regularly update their reading record and then can you initial it each week as a check.* Children should have their school reading book in their bag on a daily basis to enable us to listen to them read. Reading books can be changed on a morning.

If your child has a Bug Club login, please continue to use it.

We hope your child will enjoy the year in either White or Brown Class. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Burdon and Mrs Durie

Year 4 timetable

Monday	Worship	Maths	<i>Break time</i>	English	<i>Lunch time</i>	Science	<i>Break time</i>	Science	Reading
Tuesday	Maths	Worship		English		RE		Computing	Reading
Wednesday	Maths			English		Art/ DT		PSHE	Reading
Thursday	Maths	Worship		English		History/Geography		Music	Singing
Friday	Maths	Worship		English		French (Mrs. Gibson)		PE (Mr. Rose)	

Year 2 Common Exception Words

after
again
any
bath
beautiful
because
behind
both
break
busy
child
children
Christmas

class
climb
clothes
could
cold
door
even
every
everybody
eye
fast
father
find

floor
gold
grass
great
half
hold
hour
improve
kind
last
many
mind
money

most
move
Mr
Mrs
old
only
parents
pass
past
path
people
plant
poor

pretty
prove
should
steak
sugar
sure
told
water
whole
who
wild
would

Year 3 and 4 Statutory Spellings

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



Y4 Reading List

<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>