

Targets

You will have personalised targets, which will be updated at least half-termly. These will be stuck to the front of your English and Maths books. At the end of each half term you will copy these out and take them home to share with your parents so you can work on them at home too. It is important that you try to achieve the targets in the half-term so that we can change them regularly.

Interests

If any children would like to bring in artefacts or books to share with the class, related to the current topics, please do so. Also if any parents have a particular interest or career and would like to come and talk to the children, this would be fab! We always welcome visitors into school (depending on the current climate).

Class Dojo

Class Dojo will be the main form of contact for class messages, news, dates for the diary and reminders. If you need to contact me at all, you can either message me directly on here or contact me to arrange a meeting at time that suits either virtually or in school. The school admin staff have kindly asked that any official appointments/absences/changes to collections or medical requests go directly to the school office via email/phone call or calling in to see Mrs Reid. Also if you are late to school, collecting your child earlier in the day or attending an after school club please always go to the front of school entrance.

I hope this booklet has been useful. Please see me if you have any questions. Remember: DON'T WORRY!!!



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Welcome to Year 3 and 4

In this booklet I will endeavour to outline what you will need to do at home, now that you are moving up the school, and a little bit about our routines. Please read it with your parents so that they know what you need to do too!

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask—don't worry about anything!

Reading

This is one of the most important skills you will ever learn and, although many of you are pretty fluent in your reading, it is important that you still read to an adult several times a week or daily if you are still on the reading scheme. If you do this, you will develop your vocabulary by discussing the meaning of tricky words. By sharing your reading with an adult you will also improve your understanding of the hidden meaning of the text. Please keep a note of your reading in your reading records. If reading books need changing, please can you place your reading book and yellow record book in the 'Reading books to be changed' tray and we will provide you with a new reading book. If you are on 'Own choice' books you can pick a book from our class book shelf and make a note of this in your yellow reading record. We will also be visiting the library fortnightly, so you can pick a variety of fiction and non-fiction books to read.

Spellings

You will be given spellings on a Friday to learn at home for a test the following Friday. We will focus on one spelling rule per week and we will be reinforcing your understanding of the rule in class. In addition to this; to help practice your spellings at home, you can log on to Spelling Shed online (via Ed Shed) using your individual pupil login details. Once logged on to Spelling Shed, there will be a weekly 'Hive games' for you to complete at school or home linking to the spellings set for that week. This is a good way of learning the spellings.

We will also be doing spelling tasks, dictionary/thesaurus tasks and dictation work in class, to help the children learn these spellings to allow them to be confident to use them in their writing in the correct context. The spelling test may also include other words that follow the rule that we have been studying and any other frequently used or statutory word that you should know! Please keep a note of words that you have misspelt in your word books as I will ask you to take these home to learn once every half term.

Online Logins

You will be given individual logins to the following education websites/platforms-

Teams– This is used for online learning/home learning tasks

TT Rockstars– To practise your times tables

Charanga– Our school music scheme to practise songs we are learning in school

Purple mash– This can be used to upload photos for Show and Tell and other educational activities

Ed shed (Spelling shed– at the bottom of the page)– To access weekly spelling lists and spelling games

Homework

In addition to your reading, spellings and times tables, you will be given at least one piece of Literacy or Maths homework per week. I will set it on a Friday and I ask that it be handed in on the following Wednesday. Please tick your name off on the homework sheet when you have handed it in or I will be chasing you up! I will make sure that I explain the homework to you but if you don't understand please ask for help before it is due to be handed in!

Once every half-term I may set a project based homework that I will give you several weeks to complete as it will require research. This is in addition to the weekly homework.

Show and Tell (Speaking and Listening)

Each week, two children will get the opportunity to bring in something of interest to talk about to the class. If it is your week, I will put your names on the class dojo page. Try to think about what you might say in your session at home in preparation.

Morning tasks

Please try to be at school for 8:50am each morning for your morning task. This task is written on the whiteboard each morning for you to complete before assembly or morning lessons start at 9:10am, so try to be here promptly in the morning to give you enough time to complete the activity. The entrance doors will be closed at 9.00am. Please can any late arrivals go straight to the school office to be registered.

Multiplication Tables

By the end of Year 4 all children will complete a statutory Multiplication Tables Check test. It is therefore important to ensure that both Year 4s and Year 3s develop fluency in their multiplication facts this year. You are expected to know the 2,3,4,5 and 8 and 10 times tables. Knowing your tables helps you in all areas of maths. There will be a multiplication challenge on Friday mornings to improve your speed of recall. Please find some time to practise them at home so that you have instant recall of the facts. We will support this at school. There are some great online games and apps that can help you as well as books, available from bookshops.

Physical Education

We have PE on Mondays and Tuesdays this half term. Please ensure you come to school in full PE kit on these days.

Residential

You will get the opportunity to attend a one night residential in at Tower Wood the Spring term. We will keep you informed for plans for this year's trip nearer the time.

Book Bags and Personal Belongings

Please can all book bags be brought in to school everyday and be checked at home for letters and messages. **Please can any personal belongings like toys and pencil cases be kept at home. We will provide everything you need.**

Handwriting

In KS2, we practice cursive handwriting on a weekly basis and aim to apply it to all our writing across the curriculum. We have a specific handwriting lesson on a Wednesday afternoon. For those children who find fine motor skills difficult, we offer handwriting boosters. I have put together a cursive handwriting guide for parents (which will be sent out in book bags today) to help when practicing handwriting with you at home/or writing with your homework. I hope this helps.