



Hello and welcome to Year 4! We hope you have all had an enjoyable summer break and are looking forward to new adventures in Year 4.

Our first topic this year is:

WHO INVADED AND SETTLED IN THE UK?

In this topic, we will travel back as far as AD 43 to explore the Roman invasion of Britain. We will then move on to learn about the Anglo-Saxon invasion and the Viking invasion and how this still impacts our lives today. There will be a WOW day where we will welcome into school some knowledgeable visitors for our Roman Workshop on Wednesday 16th September 2026.

Remember to check out the topic web for more details on the curriculum we will be covering.



A day in Year 4

Just like last year, we will open the main KS2 corridor doors at **8:40** and be ready to welcome the children into school. Most mornings, they will then organise their belongings, sign in on the iPad and make their food choice, and will begin preparing for the mornings lessons before making their way to morning worship at **9:00**. Lessons will begin at **8:50** and your child may be marked late if they are not registered by then. At home time, they will collect their belongings and we will dismiss the children from the **amphitheatre area** of the KS2 playground at **3:20** (we know some families will be collecting KS1 children first. Please don't worry,

we will wait with your child until you arrive. If you would like to grant permission for your child to **walk themselves onto the infant playground** to meet you, please send myself and the office a message on dojo to give consent.) Please note there is no requirement for your child to bring a pencil case or other items from home. All equipment will be provided by the school and these things often become a distraction to learning.

P.E.

Our PE days for **Autumn 1** are:
Tuesday outdoor and **Wednesday indoor**

Our PE days for **Autumn 2** are:
Monday outdoor and **Wednesday indoor**

(Please note this will **change each half term** so please keep your eye on updates on Class Dojo and our website).

On the days they have PE children are expected to arrive in school wearing their PE kit (see list below) and keep it on all day.



Correct kit consists of:

- White t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Black pumps
- For outside PE: plain trainers and plain jogging bottoms, hoodie/warm top.

Home school partnership

Class Dojo will continue to be our primary method of communication and we will check this daily (please note: Dojo will not be monitored **after 4:30pm**). Please do message us with any queries – we would far rather nip a problem in the bud than let it snowball! One of us will also be available to speak with at morning drop off and after school at pick up or if you would prefer to phone or meet face to face please use dojo to arrange this in advance.



Homework will be set weekly via the Class Story on Dojo. It will be posted on a Thursday and we expect children's work to be uploaded to their portfolio by the following Tuesday for marking. It is an expectation that **all children** have a go at their homework **every week**.



Reading with your child is one of the most valuable things you can do with them. Please continue to record your child's reading journey in their reading record booklets and make sure your child brings this, and the book they are reading, in daily. In the first week, we will be supporting your child to find a reading book pitched at their ability level in accordance with the Accelerated Reader system we use. For more details see: <https://www.harburyschool.com/curriculum/reading/>

Spellings will be taught at least four times a week and we will use the weekly homework sheet to keep you informed of the words and spelling sounds and rules we are focusing on each half term.

Times Tables are a big focus in year 4 in the lead up to the Multiplication Tables Check every child will complete in the summer term. To help your child prepare for this please use our new fluency resource **Arithmagicians** as much as possible. We recommend little and often works best to help your child learn their times tables. You may also want to use your own log ins for apps such as TTRS and there is a wealth of games online to help support this.

Healthy Snacks

Key Stage 2 children are not eligible for free fruit so if you would like your child to have a breaktime snack please send them to school with a piece of fruit, a plain biscuit or cereal bar which they can keep in their tray.



We look forward to working with you and your children
Kind regards

Mrs Jasmin Wilde (before maternity leave), Mrs Charlotte Freeman (maternity cover), Mrs Noreen Nalci and Mrs Julie Marshall-Hardy.