

Year 4 Newsletter - Spring Term 2024

Dear Parents and Pupils,

We hope you all had a restful Christmas break and are ready for the Spring term. We would like to pass on our thanks and gratitude for the Christmas gifts that were given to us at the end of last term. They were much appreciated!

The following information provides guidance about Year 4 for the Spring term:

Staff in Year 4	Mrs Stoker and Mrs Barker (Brown Class) supported by Mrs Moody Mrs Durie (White Class) supported by Mrs Varley Mr Rose and Mr McPhail (Forest Schools/ PE) Mrs. Gibson teaches French on a Thursday afternoon.
Class text this term	'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl 'The Legend of Podkin One-Ear' by Kieran Larwood
Homework	English or Maths activity given on a Monday, to be completed by the following Monday. In addition, there will also be: Maths - Practising times tables using Times Table Rock Stars English - Weekly spellings
Spelling	On a Wednesday, your child will bring home spellings which we'd like them to learn for a test on the following Wednesday morning. Some of these words will be based on our weekly spelling rule, and the other words will be from the Year 2 or Year 3/4 list of key spellings which children should know by the end of Year 4. Both lists are 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	Children can change their library books during Friday morning playtime.
PE kit	PE day is a Thursday. Please remember that your child should come to school already dressed for PE.

	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.
Activities and visits this term. You will be notified of other dates added.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday afternoons - Ukulele lesson• Wednesday 7th February - Class photographs• Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th March - Parents' Evening

Please find attached below a copy of the spelling lists, Y4 timetable and curriculum information for this term. As always, lessons and timings are flexible based on other events happening in school. We thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us via the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Stoker, Mrs Barker and Mrs Durie

Y4 Curriculum information - Spring Term

English	<p>In English, we will be looking at different aspects of fiction and non-fiction writing and reading skills, including writing setting and character descriptions, a recount and narrative poetry.</p> <p>The class texts are 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl and '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>All Year 4 children (who are working at Year 2 level and above) will be taking part in the national Year 4 Multiplication check. Please ensure your child is practising their times tables regularly. These websites, and many others, may help: https://play.trockstars.com/auth, https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/, https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/super movers/times-table-collection/z4vv6v4 and https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button</p>
Science	<p>Spring 1 - Electricity Spring 2 - Sound</p>
History	<p>Spring 1 - What was daily life like in Roman Britain?</p>
Geography	<p>Spring 2 - 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 - Creating Media - Photo Editing and E-Safety - Online Relationships - being respectful to others online. Spring 2 - Programming - Repetition in Games and E-Safety - Online Bullying</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 electrical device 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</p>

and marriage. If you have any questions or concerns about any of these topics, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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>Philippa Pearce</u>
<u>The Battle of Bubble and Squeak</u>	<u>Philippa 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

Monday	Worship	Maths	B	English	L	Science	B	Science Reading Plus 1	
Tuesday	Maths	Worship	R	English Reading plus 2	U	History/Geography	R	PSHE	
Wednesday	Maths	E	English	N	RE	E	Music		
Thursday	Maths	Worship	A	English Reading Plus 3	C	PE	A	French	Singing
Friday	Maths	Worship	K	English	H	Computing	K	Art/DT	

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	

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

