



Trawden Forest Primary - School Newsletter

Every child matters; every moment counts.

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Year 4! I am so excited to have moved to Year 4 and work with all the wonderful children again. We have all settled into our new classroom well and are ready for all the challenges to come. The children have quickly settled back into the school routines and love being back with all their friends to play with at playtime.

This newsletter will outline our learning for this term, the routines that we will have and the topics for the remainder of the year. However, more detail about each subject can be found on our website. We've also included a timetable to help as there are lots of things for you to remember too! Throughout this year, we will continue to use Seesaw to share homework and various messages. Please use your child's new Seesaw login to access the new activities.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or queries. You can do this via email, through the school office or in person at the end of the day.

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Learning:

Our topic for the first half term is 'Light It Up!'



During this topic, children will be learning about electricity. They will discover where electricity comes from, appliances which run on electricity, how circuits work and about conductors and insulators. In Geography, we will be looking at The Americas and comparing life there with the United Kingdom. In English, our first unit is based on the story 'Bike Boy' by Jane Considine. We will be making some visits to the field for Forest School to practise willow weaving, so please see the dates at the end to know when to bring Forest School waterproofs in.

Please see our Curriculum Map on our Year 4 class page, on the website for further details of this and our learning throughout the year.

Homework:



Spelling: This will be set in their Homework Book and will contain 10 words to learn every week. This will be set each **Friday** and tested the following **Friday**.

Homework: Homework will be set each **Friday** and be due in the following **Thursday**, however if it is completed sooner, please send it in. Homework will be sent out either in the child's Homework Book, via Seesaw or another online application (i.e. MyMaths). Your child will always be shown the homework in class and understand how to access / complete this, each week. However, at times they may require additional support to help them consolidate their learning.

Reading: As the children read in school on a daily basis, they need to bring their reading book in every day. Please continue to hear your child read and ask them questions about the books that they are reading in order to develop their understanding and find evidence in the text. Children can note the books they read on Seesaw. Please share your child's reading with us on Seesaw and remember that you can access the Accelerated Reader quizzes at home as they may not have the same number of opportunities to complete them in school.

Year 4 Topics

Autumn 1 (05.09.22 – 20.10.22)	Spring 1 (04.01.23 – 10.02.23)	Summer 1 (17.04.23 – 25.05.23)
Light It Up!	The Lake District!	Raging Rivers
Autumn 2 (31.10.22 – 16.12.22)	Spring 2 (20.02.23 – 31.03.23)	Summer 2 (05.06.23 – 21.07.23)
Why Rome Wasn't Built in a Day!	Beyond the Palace Doors	Does the Time Fit the Crime?

Reminders

Water: Please ensure that your child has a bottle of water every day, labelled with their name, to keep them hydrated throughout the day and to drink with their lunch. We are no longer able to provide the children with cups from school.

Snack: They can bring in a healthy afternoon snack, which must be kept in their coat pocket or book bag.

Packed Lunch: Please place this in a wipeable small lunch bag or plastic box. Year 4 have their own shelf to store these. Unfortunately, access to lunch bags/boxes is only permitted at lunch time.

P.E kits: Please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school. It will be stored on their peg and will be sent home to be washed at the end of every half-term. If it requires washing prior to this, please ensure that it is in school on a Monday so that it can remain in school for the entire week.

Forest School: Please bring waterproof clothing and wellies on their Forest School dates. This could be a waterproof all-in-one suit or separate waterproof trousers and coat. This will make it easier for the children to put on over their school uniform and mean that they will not need to get changed in school.

Trainers: Please make sure that your trainers are in school **every day**.



National Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

The official National Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check takes place towards the end of the year during the month of **June**. This is completed on computer and will include 25 questions that involve any times table questions up to 12 x 12. The children will have about 6 seconds to read the questions, think of the answer and type it onto the keyboard. The government specify certain times tables are to be learnt by children in particular year groups:

Year 2: 2x, 5, 10x tables Year 3: 3x, 4x, 8x tables Year 4: 6x, 7x, 9x, 11x, 12x (all times tables)



As your child is currently in Year 4 they will be sitting the multiplication test in **June 2023**. If you know that your child is unable to rapidly recall the times tables from previous year groups, please help them with these at home. TTRockstars is a great way to practise and their maths homework will also help. Please help your child to recall the times table facts rapidly so that they are no longer reliant on using their fingers to count. The test does not ask children any division questions and focusses solely on multiplication questions. However, we feel children should also practise division questions to aid their rapid recall of facts. Whilst TTRockstars is a fantastic game, there are also other games online to help. We will be continuing to focus on our Times Tables during throughout the year and the children will also be working to gain rapid recall of all of their times table facts. In school, we will be playing games and trying to beat challenges with others.

Timetable / Key Dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bring in your reading book every day to read in class.				
	Forest School		PE	Spelling Test / New Spellings
			Homework Due In	Homework Set

Forest School Dates: **Tuesday 13th September, Tuesday 20th September, Tuesday 27th September, Tuesday 4th October, Tuesday 11th October & Tuesday 18th October**

Children come to school dressed in Forest School clothing with clean footwear and with their Forest School outdoor footwear in a bag.

