



**Year 4**  
**Welcome Letter 2023**

# Welcome!

Welcome to Year 4! I am so excited to have the opportunity to work with this class 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!

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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# Year 4 Topics

<b>Autumn 1</b> (04.09.23 – 19.10.23)	<b>Spring 1</b> (08.01.24 – 09.02.24)	<b>Summer 1</b> (15.04.24 – 24.05.24)
<b>Light It Up!</b>	<b>The Lake District!</b>	<b>Raging Rivers</b>
<b>Autumn 2</b> (30.10.23 – 21.12.23)	<b>Spring 2</b> (19.02.24 – 28.03.24)	<b>Summer 2</b> (04.06.24 – 19.07.24)
<b>Why Rome Wasn't Built in a Day!</b>	<b>The Anglo-Saxons</b>	<b>Raid, Invade, Stayed!</b>

# Weekly Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Bring in your reading book and record in in class every day</b>				
	Forest School		Homework Due In	Spelling Test / New Spellings
			Reading Records checked	Homework Set
			PE	

Forest School Dates: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October & Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October



# Our Learning this half term

Our topic for the first half term is 'Light It Up!'. Throughout this half term, we will be focussing on:



**English:** Autumn is Here (Poetry) – As part of this, we will be focussing on the key vocabulary of poetry and using this to help create a display in the school corridor. Next, we will be focussing on The Lost Thing (Fantasy), which is a story about a boy who finds a unique creature on the beach and tries to find a place for it to call home.

**Maths:** Place Value & Addition and Subtraction

**Science:** Electricity – How do circuits work? What are conductors and insulators?

**Geography:** The Americas – How does life in North and South America compare to the United Kingdom?

**Computing:** The Internet – How can we stay safe online? What is the internet? How are devices connected?

**Music:** Glockenspiels – How can we play a piece of music on an glockenspiel?

**PE:** Net and Wall Games – How can we improve our coordination and teamwork?

**RE:** Hindu Dharma – What might a Hindu learn through celebrating Diwali?

**PSHE:** Feelings & Emotions – What is jealousy? What should I do if I feel jealous?

**Forest School:** Willow Weaving – How can you transform a piece of willow into a work of art?



For information about homework – check our class page.



# 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  $12 \times 12$ . 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 2024**. 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.

# Forest School



Essential Forest School Kit – all children **MUST** bring the correct kit on their allocated day. It is important that they have a clean pair of shoes for inside school and a pair of wellies/boots to change into for Forest School.

## Winter Kit

Wellies

Snow suits

A set of outdoor clothes to change into

Waterproof coat and trousers

Gloves or mittens

Warm hat

Scarf

Spare gloves

Warm winter coat

Thick socks

Summer Kit



## Summer Kit

Suncream

Trainers

Sun hat

Sunglasses

Midge repellent

# PE

All children **MUST** have their PE Kit in a draw string bag that is kept in school on their peg. It will be sent home to be washed and size checked each half term.

## P.E. Kit

**white** round neck t-shirt

**black** shorts

**black** pumps (indoor)

**plain black** or **white** trainers (outdoor) - these may be brought in each week

**plain black** tracksuit bottoms / leggings (outdoor)

\* **plain black** tracksuit top (outdoor)

drawstring pump bag

\* = optional



- **Note-** watches and earrings must be removed for PE and long hair must be tied back

# School Uniform

## TRAWDEN FOREST PRIMARY SCHOOL

### School uniform

school logo **bottle green** sweatshirt or cardigan

**white** polo shirt

**black** school trousers for winter

**black** school shorts for summer

\* **bottle green** and **white** checked dress for summer

\* **green checked** skirt / pinafore (or plain black skirt / pinafore)

**white** or **black** socks

**black** tights

**black** school shoes

**NO jeans**

**NO trainers or boots**

**NO jewellery, make-up or nail varnish**



### Forest School

**Waterproof** suit or coat

**Waterproof** trousers

boots / wellies

spare socks

hat and gloves

### Extras

\* bottle green school book bag

\* bottle green school logo coat

\* named water bottle

\* green small logo ruck sack

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<https://www.trawden.lancs.sch.uk/parents/uniform>

**Note:** watches are allowed, earrings must be plain studs. Long hair must be tied back and hair accessories should be plain and in school colours (green or black)

**Our school uniform is available to buy direct and online from :-**

<https://www.jeanjunction.com/>

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