

Year 4 Parent / Carer Fact Sheet

Welcome to Year 4!

This is information to help you understand the approach and key content of Year 4.

The **class teachers** in Year 4 are **Ms. Gough and Miss. Day**.

The **group teacher** is Mrs. Elliot.

The **Higher Level Teaching Assistant** (HLTA) in Year 4 is Miss Hallett.

The **Teaching Assistants** (TAs) are Mrs McGahan and Mrs Thompson.

Topics and Curriculum

Year 4 covers some exciting topics such as:

- **History:** Anglo Saxons and Vikings.
- **Geography:** Weather, mapping and the developing world.
- **Science:** Forces, changing materials, the Earth and beyond, mini-beasts.
- **Art:** 3D modelling, silhouettes, Impressionism, observational drawing, clay masks.
- **Design & Technology:** Money containers, muffins, levers, linkages and pop-ups.
- **Personal, Social & Health Education:** Please see progression map on the PSHE webpage.
- **Relationships and sex education:** Changes to body and personal hygiene.
- **Faith and Philosophy:** Christianity and Sikhism and Judaism.
- **Computing:** Coding, research and word processing.
- **PE & Games** includes: Football, netball, rugby, hockey, tennis, rounders, cricket, athletics, dance, gymnastics and fitness.

Reading

We ask children to read at **least three times per week at home**. Please spend some time listening to your child read aloud, as well as allowing them time to read alone and record this in their reading record. This must be **handed in every Monday**. The children will receive house points/ class dojos for their efforts.

We ask you to **avoid reading** the books we study in class which are:

- “Gangsta Granny” by David Walliams
- “Leon and the Place Between” by Angela McAllister
- “Boy at the Back at the Class” by Onjali Q. Raúf

We have also set up a challenge (Book Bingo) to encourage children to read as many different genres this year as possible; please support them with this. Discussing the children’s books with them - characters, plot, predictions, language and motivations of characters – is important to develop their comprehension skills. Book Bingo sheets are stuck in the back of your child’s reading record.

Homework

In Year 4, children will receive 1 piece of maths homework, 1 piece of English homework and are expected to read at least 3 times **every week**. They will also be set a project homework every half term which relates to a topic in our learning.

Weekly Homework:

Beginning every Monday:

Children are expected to read at least 3 times per week.

Every Wednesday:

The children will be given Times Table Rockstars activities and/or Mathematics tasks which **total 30 minutes**.

The children will also be set **30 minutes of Spelling Shed activities**.

All of these will be due the following Monday.

Half Termly Homework:

One homework will be given on a Friday once each half term. This will usually be topic or foundation based, which is to be handed in on a date later in the term.

If homework is not completed on time, pupils will go to the Catch-up Zone and they will then be expected to complete their homework that evening.

Visits and Trips

To help broaden the children's learning, enjoyment and understanding of their topics, we offer a range of visits and trips.

In Year 4, we have the following exciting visits and trips:

- In Year 4 they take part in their first residential trip to Hooke Court in Dorset, for three days in May. Residential trips are a great way for your child to develop independence, build team skills and improve their organisational skills. We have highly experienced staff that have been running and attending the same residential trips over many years. At the moment this is scheduled on Monday 16th May – Wednesday 18th May 2022. Please see the PowerPoint attached for further information.
- Crew Theatre come in to hold an exciting workshop on Forces, which the children study in Science. This is scheduled for the latter part of the Autumn term.
- The children will be able to experience the wonder of the universe within an inflated dome in the school hall when the Learning Dome mobile planetarium visits Year 4.
- As part of our study of mini-beasts, Year 4 will be visiting Nower Wood to look at habitats.

Please be aware that all of the trips are pending government guidelines and more information will follow.

Personal growth

In Year 4 we encourage the children to aim high and get involved! There is lots to do so the children are encouraged to get involved as well as developing their **independence and resilience**.

Staff Emails

Please note: We will endeavour to respond to our personal emails within 48 hours of receipt, during the working week. These are for quick messages or information that cannot go through the office or for positive feedback. This includes safeguarding concerns. Please note that we are unable to check **emails sent over the weekend or school holidays**, until returning to work on the Monday. In addition, we are unable to check and respond to emails whilst we are teaching, which is between the hours of **08:45-15:45. Therefore, please email the office regarding pick-up changes.**

If it is an urgent matter, please speak to someone in the office and the admin staff will be able to help you.

Additionally, we normally invite you to 'pop-in' with any concerns, however due to current guidelines this is not possible. Therefore, please call the office to be transferred to the relevant teacher.

We can't wait to have a fantastic year and are excited to see how well your children progress and develop throughout their year.

Thank you,

Ms. Gough and Miss. Day

