

Year 4

Autumn 2021

Welcome to Year 4
September 2021

The Staff

4BR will be taught by Mr Roberts and Mrs Lever.

4AJ will be taught by Mr. Jackson and Mrs McCall.

Both classes will be taught by Mrs Huxtable on alternate Wednesdays.

If you need to speak to any of us please either send in a note or make an appointment with the office.

A huge Whitefield welcome to Year 4. It's been great to get to know our new classes. We are so happy to be back in class and we can't wait to get stuck into our new topics.

Our classroom doors open at 8.45am. Make sure you are in school for 9am! At the end of the day you can pick up your child from 3:15pm until 3.30pm. We hope to return to the usual school hours of 3:30pm pickup shortly.

Mathematics

This term begins with a very strong focus on number work and place value. As mathematicians the children will be building on their existing knowledge of place value and number from year 3. Please continue to help your children to learn their tables as we continue to aim for quick recall. These will help them to access more complex mathematical work with greater speed and confidence. By the end of Year 4 it is intended that the majority of children will have learned their multiplication facts up to 12x12.

English

As writers we will be creating our own take on Hansel and Gretel and then going on a n adventure with Fantastic Mr Fox! We will be focused on ensuring our children have the necessary skills in place from previous years before progressing further so there will be lots of revision of basic grammar and skills from Year 3.

PE

Our PE day is Thursday. We will be focusing on athletics during our PE lessons this term.

On this day the children come to school in their PE kit and stay in their kit all day. If it's raining they may wish to come in normal shoes/boots and put their PE trainers/pumps in their bag.

PSHE

The school follows a Jigsaw scheme for PSHE and we are focusing on our own and others feelings.

Spellings

Spelling will be in the form of learning rules, finding words to fit those rules and learning spelling strategies. Spellings will be posted online using SeeSaw. They will be tested and set each Friday.

Homework

Homework will be set via SeeSaw for submission on a weekly basis. Tuesday will be the day that homework is set and then checked.

Reading

Reading books will be collected in on Fridays, along with reading records and new reading books will be given out on Mondays. If your child finishes your book before Friday, they can access Bug Club activities and they can also read their own reading materials from home. Bug Club log-ins have been sent home with your child.

Curriculum

As scientists we will be learning about different animals and their habitats and then looking at electricity. As historians we will investigate the history of Britain during the Anglo Saxon and Viking times. In computing, we will look at staying safe online as well as coding. In art we will be experimenting with different materials and effects on the page. In Geography we will be learning about Rivers.

Packed Lunches

Remember no chocolate bars or fizzy drinks. Children must not bring in sandwiches with egg mayonnaise or any other mayonnaise based product. As well as this, Whitefield remains a nut-free zone, so please avoid packing these.

Snacks are allowed but there will be no snacks provided by school in the form of toast as has been done previously. Please ensure all snacks can be opened independently.

Behaviour Expectations

At Whitefield we promote our children's Healthy hearts, healthy minds and healthy bodies. Part of this involves the creation of a class code of conduct detailing agreed rules for the classroom. We encourage children to take responsibility for following the rules and use lots of positive reinforcement in the creation of a friendly and cooperative classroom.

As part of the Good to be Green behaviour system, we will always give children reminders of their agreed class rules before applying any warnings or sanctions. Weekly achievement assemblies and our merit certificates celebrate our successes.

We love to hear about our children's achievements in and out of school, so if it's a swimming badge, a scout camp adventure or even a brilliant day out, tell us about it!