

Welcome to Year 4

The children have settled in well to their new year groups. The following information is designed to help you understand what happens in Year 4 and how to support your child.

Timings Year 4 should arrive in school at **8:55am**. Please try not to arrive too early so we can let the Year 5 children in through the door before the Year 4 children arrive. The Year 4 children should be **collected at 3:10pm**. Again, please try not to arrive too early to collect your child as the Year 5 children will be coming out and too many parents can make the playground crowded and make social distancing difficult.

Staff

The classes and teachers in Year 4 are as follows:

Miss Parker—Phase leader & teacher in Year 3

Kangaroos: Mrs O’Driscoll

Koalas: Mrs Diederich

Kookaburras: Mr McCall.

Teaching assistants:

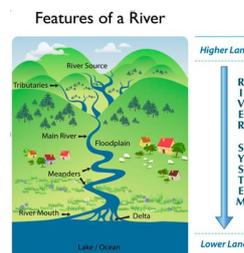
Mrs Slade, Mrs Hallett & Mrs Floyd

Topics in Year 4:

Autumn term: - Ancient Egypt

Spring Term: Rivers

Summer Term—The Romans

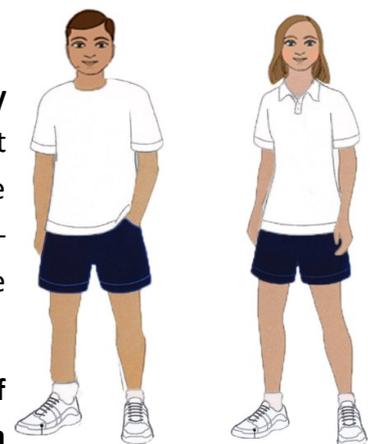


PE/Outdoor Games

Outdoor PE is on a Thursday afternoon. **Children need to come into school every Thursday in weather appropriate PE kit, including trainers.** We go out in most weathers. Children need to be warm enough over the winter and cool in the summer. Therefore dark tracksuit bottoms (preferably black) plain white t-shirts and plain dark jumpers/tracksuit tops are required in the winter, while plain dark shorts and white t-shirts are needed in the warmer months.

We are currently unable to complete indoor PE due to the current situation. If we are able to start this again later in the year, our indoor PE day would be a Monday.

Please ensure your child is wearing correct kit on PE days. **All earrings must be removed or taped over for PE sessions. If your child has their ears pierced please ensure they can either remove them or provide micro-pore tape for them to be covered.** (This can be purchased in supermarkets and pharmacies.) If possible it would be appreciated if they could leave earrings at home on PE days.



Music:

In Year 4, the children normally learn 3 different instruments. This year we are waiting on guidance from Music Services as to what class music lessons will look like but they are likely to limit instruments at this time

Reading books:



The children will bring books home to read. When finished these should be returned to school. Books which have been home will be quarantined for at least 72 hours before another child can choose the book.

Homework:

All children in Year 4 are expected to read **at least 3 times a week**. This should be recorded in their home school diaries which should be returned to school each day.

They also need to learn their times tables and their half termly spelling lists.

Each half term they will also be set a project based homework. These are (more details to follow):

- Autumn 1: Class animals
- Autumn 2: Ancient Egypt
- Spring 1: Poetry
- Spring 2: Rivers & water cycle
- Summer 1: Making Roman shields
- Summer 2: Ancient Rome

More details about each of these will be sent home each half term.

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A" reads 20 minutes each day	Student "B" reads 5 minutes each day	Student "C" reads 1 minute each day
3600 minutes in a school year	900 minutes in a school year	180 minutes in a school year

1,800,000 words



90th percentile

282,000 words



50th percentile

8,000 words



10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

[Nagy & Herman, 1987]

Christmas Production:

In December, Year 4 would normally rehearse and perform a Christmas Production which will include speaking parts as well as other acting and singing roles. While we hope this might be possible, we will be guided by the government guidance and at this time the guidance is that large scale singing isn't advised and we wouldn't be able to have parents come into watch.



Trips & visitors

With the current Covid-19 situation, we are unable to book any trips or visitors at this time. We will continue to review this situation as the year progresses.

TBPS Friends

Our school friends committee is looking for more volunteers to help them organise and run fundraising events. If you are able to help, please contact the office who will advise you of the time and date of the next meeting.

Any questions?

If you have any questions or queries, we are always available on the Year 4 door at the end of the day. Alternatively you can send in a note to for us to read.