

Reading, Spelling and Homework

During the collapsed curriculum time we have been assessing your child's reading, spelling and times tables knowledge. A reading book has come home, accompanied by a reading record which will be used to record reading at home and school. In Year 4 it is your child's responsibility to change their reading book when needed. Books are kept on the shelves inside and outside the Year 4 classrooms and your child may change their book themselves when required. These books along with your child's reading record need to be in school every day.

Homework will be set weekly on a Thursday and we expect books to be returned with the completed homework by the following Tuesday.

Spelling lessons take place on Monday, with the class to be tested on that particular spelling rule the following Monday. Children are expected to choose their level of challenge each week and move themselves on when appropriate. It is important that the children practise their spellings regularly to help them become confident, successful and enthusiastic writers!

The staffing for our team this year is as follows:

Cedar Class – Mr Bettles, Mrs Panter and Mrs Anstey

Rowan Class – Mrs Williams, Mrs Leathersich and Mrs Foreman.

If you wish to speak to your child's teacher please make an appointment for after school, as the mornings are essential for lesson preparation, or leave a message with the member of staff at the door. We are very much looking forward to working in partnership with parents over the year to come.

Your child needs their P.E kit in school all the time. P.E in Year 4 takes place on Thursday and Friday. Please make sure that the P.E kit is named and includes a pair of trainers for outdoor sessions. Please include a pair of jogging bottoms and a separate sweatshirt for use in PE. Children with earrings must be able to remove them by themselves prior to P.E lessons. Long hair must be tied back.

Chess

This year all the Year 4 children will have lessons in chess on a weekly basis. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn new skills; developing strategic thinking and problem solving.

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Mrs Williams, Mr Bettles, Mrs Panter, Mrs Anstey, Mrs Leathersich and Mrs Foreman

Times Tables

Times tables are fundamental to building confidence and success in maths during Key Stage 2 and we expect children to practise their times tables regularly at home. Each week your child will have a specific table to focus on and a times tables test every Wednesday. Their test will be sent home in the envelope at the back of their homework learning log each week for them to share with you. Please help us by encouraging and supporting your child to learn them at home. Don't forget that www.mathletics.co.uk is a super way to brush up mental maths skills.

Literacy

- Drama based on an Anglo Saxon village
- Explanation text
- Chronological reports
- Diary writing
- Grammar, punctuation and spelling skills

Geography

- Finding out about early explorers.
- Atlas and map reading skills

History

- Exploring Anglo Saxon and Viking cultures and the legacy they left behind.

RE

- Light as a Symbol
- Christmas

Special Events

- Tuesday 11th October Harvest will be led by Year 4 children this year
- Monday 14th November trip to West Stow Anglo Saxon village

ICT

- E-safety
- Blogging
- Software design

PE

- Invasion Games
- Large ball skills
- Hockey

HEROES AND VILLAINS

Music

- Singing skills
- Exploring pulse, rhythm and pitch through song and music

Maths

Over the term we will be developing the children's fluency and understanding of number and calculation so that they are able to reason and problem solve.

Top Tip to try at home: Counting forward and back in steps of either 6,7,9,25 or 1000

Science

- Teeth
- Food Chains
- The Digestive System
- Muscles and movement
- Developing scientific enquiry and investigation skills

Art

- Anglo Saxon patterns
- Large sculpture
- Mark making