

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 will be sent home, accompanied by a reading record book, 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. In the Year 4 area, books are kept both on the shelves inside and outside the classrooms and your child may change their book themselves when required. These books along with your child's reading record book need to be in school every day please.

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 during the week 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:

Rowan Class – Miss Shah, Mrs Mutruc and Mr Thomas

Cedar Class – Miss Clancy, Mrs Dascombe and Miss Hasley

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 and learning, 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 PE kit in school all the time please. PE in Year 4 takes place on Wednesday and Friday. Please make sure that the PE 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 PE lessons. Long hair must be tied back please.



Chess

This year, all the Year 4 children will have lessons in chess once every fortnight. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn new skills; develop strategic thinking and problem solving.

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Miss Shah, Miss Clancy, Mrs Dascombe, Mrs Mutruc,
Miss Hasley and Mr Thomas

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 will take part in times tables activities each week. Please help us by encouraging and supporting your child to learn them at home. Don't forget that www.trockstars.com is a super way to brush up mental maths skills.

English

- Fairy tales
- Drama based on an Anglo-Saxon village
- Explanation text
- Non-chronological reports (about the life of an Anglo Saxon)
- Diary writing
- Grammar, punctuation and spelling skills

Geography

- Finding out about early explorers
- Anglo-Saxon settlement in Britain
- The polar regions
- Atlas and map reading skills

Special Events

- Tuesday 13th November trip to West Stow Anglo-Saxon village

History

- Exploring Anglo-Saxon cultures, life, work, clothing and the legacy they left behind

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- Light as a Symbol
- Christmas

Music

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

Maths

- Place Value
- Written calculations (addition and subtraction)
- Problem solving
- Arithmetic skills

Science

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

Art

- Anglo Saxon patterns
- Large sculpture
- Mark making

ICT

- E-safety
- Blogging
- Software design

PE

- Invasion games
- Large ball skills
- Hockey

Spanish

- Alphabet
- Numbers
- Basic conversational words and phrases