

Year 4 Newsletter



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Other staff: Mrs Huggett, Mrs Pearson, Mrs King and Mrs Crozier

Welcome to year 4. We would like to take this opportunity to say how much we are looking forward to working with you and your children over the coming months and we are sure that you are all just as excited as we are! We hope that you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing summer and your children are now prepared to begin the autumn term feeling refreshed and above all, ready to learn!

We know that this will be a fantastic year for your children, as they will be learning about film animation, Shakespeare and the Romans. This term the children will also be fortunate enough to take part in activities such as swimming, continuing to learn to play the Ukulele and taking a trip to the River Nailbourne.

Our Day:

Here is the outline of what our day will look like.

8.50–9.15 : GPS/Maths
 9.15–10.15 : English or maths
 10.15–10.30 : Worship
 10.30–10.45 : Playtime
 10.45–11.15 : Guided reading
 11.15–12.15 : English or maths
 12.15 : Lunchtime

Afternoons : Foundation subjects e.g. Science, PE, Computing, Art, Geography, History.

PE Days:

This term we will have PE on Thursdays and Fridays. Our swimming day will be on Thursdays. Swimming begins on the 21st September and will be on every Thursday until 1st December. Please remember swimming costume/shorts/trunks (no bikinis for girls) and a towel; goggles are optional. Please ensure your child has the appropriate kit and it is **clearly named**; this makes it much easier to get it back to the correct person and won't keep costing you to get it replaced! If you do manage to receive extra kit home that is not yours, please bring it back and we will try to find its original owner! Thank you for your support on this. ☺

Playtimes:

As the weather is changeable, please could all children come to school with a warm/waterproof coat. Children may also bring wellies in to use on the field over the winter months, these can be stored on our school welly rack.

Reading

Your child will have a reading record and books will be changed regularly. We expect children to take responsibility for changing their own books, once fully investigated and understood. We encourage children to read daily, either independently or with an adult, so please continue to share and discuss books regularly. There will be book reviews for the children to complete.

Special Events for our class this term:

Ukulele – Every Friday
Meet the teacher – Monday 11th September 2.30
Swimming – Every Thursday from 21st September – 7th December
Parent Consultations – Tuesday 7th November
Key Stage 2 Harvest Celebration – 13th October

Equipment

Please could you ensure that your child has the following equipment for school:

- Handwriting pen
- Pencil
- Rubber
- Sharpener
- Pencil case
- A reading book

Home learning

Your child will have a home learning book with their curriculum targets, home learning tasks and our agreed success criteria for all written work included within. As with last year, some of the tasks set will be obligatory and, on these occasions, homework books will need to be returned to school on the following Wednesday.

Themes

In Year 4 we will start our year with a Take One picture topic based on the painting 'Surpris!' by Henri Rousseau. Later in the term, we will be learning about persuasive writing, states of matter in science and parables in RE. For more information about the Year 4 curriculum, please see our curriculum map.

Please remember your **water bottle every day** and check that all your **uniform** and belongings are **clearly labelled with your name**.