

Welcome to Year Four



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to an exciting new school year!

This guide has been put together to provide you with the main information you need to support your child's learning in Year Four.

If there is anything you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to come and see me or drop me a message on Class Dojo.

I look forward to working together again this year.

Kind regards,

Miss Mason

Year Four Teacher

Our Teachers

Miss Mason



Year 4 Class Teacher.

Hannah



PPA Cover every Tuesday
afternoon.

Cherie



1:1 Support TA
working mornings.

Francesca



1:1 Support TA working
afternoons.

Drinks and snacks

The children are allowed to bring in fruit, vegetables and two plain biscuits from home. They are only allowed to eat their plain biscuits at afternoon break. All children also need to bring in a **labelled** water bottle, which is kept in the classroom and is available to drink from throughout the day. The children are only allowed water in their bottle. If your child brings packed lunches, they will need an additional drink and this can be water, fruit juice or squash.



PE

We do indoor PE on **Tuesday** and outdoor PE on **Wednesday**.

We will be swimming in a two-week block. **15th-19th September** and **22nd-26th September**. This will be every afternoon for these two weeks.

Games and P.E are compulsory for all children, except for those permanently excluded on health grounds. If this is the case, a note from the child's GP must be sent into the school. For those children suffering from minor ailments, a brief note or Class Dojo message must be sent into the class teacher prior to the P.E lesson taking place.

We are asking children to **come into school wearing their P.E kit**, when it is their class PE day. Suitable clothing for PE is essential, and we are asking for the following to be worn:

- Plain black shorts,
- Completely plain white t-shirt or completely plain t-shirt in your child's house colour (the school logo is allowed),
- Appropriate sports' trainers that can be used within PE lessons (ideally black),
- Plain, black sweatshirt/zip-up top,
- Black jogging bottoms or black leggings.
- Black daps to change into when outdoor shoes are wet or muddy

Please label all your child's clothing and equipment to help reduce misplaced or muddled items, especially after swimming.

All children with long hair must have it tied up on PE days and no jewellery may be worn. **If your child cannot remove their earrings, you must provide them with plasters or micropore tape for them to be safely covered.**

Swimming



This year, we will be swimming in a block of time, so in year 4, children will swim every afternoon for 2 weeks rather than the whole year. This will be **15th-19th September** and **22nd-26th September**.

Children will be walking to and from the pool to reduce costs. We will need to walk even if it is raining so **it is important that children bring in a spare set of clothes** to change into in case we get very wet and also bring **wet weather gear like waterproof coat and trousers** to wear.

Girls must wear a one-piece costume, and boys must be in trunks (not Bermuda shorts as they could drag them down in the water). Experience shows that the incorrect style of swimwear could hinder learning. Swimming hats are recommended. For safety reasons no jewellery (including earrings) should be worn, and hair must be tied back. Goggles may be worn – we strongly suggest they are labelled with the child's name and their school. Pupils may swim with a verruca unless their doctor advises otherwise.

Children change in group changing rooms (one for boys, another for girls) with adults supervising from outside. To aid independent changing, all clothing should be named. If you think that changing independently will be a challenge for your child, please contact the class teachers.

Children are assessed in the first session to allow appropriate groupings, but it would be helpful if you could please let teachers know your child's current swimming ability to ease this process. All groups will be taught in the main pool with beginners using the shallow end where they can touch the bottom and more confident swimmers using the deeper areas.

Home learning

In order to support your child's progress in school, please give time to learning at home.

Weekly Blogs: Each week we will upload a blog onto Class Dojo to let you know what we've been learning about in school. On this blog there will also be suggestions of ways you can support and extend this learning at home.

Reading: Your child will bring home a staged book and a 'richer read' book each week. The staged book is matched to their developing fluency and comprehension skills, whereas the 'richer read' is not. The 'richer read' will have been chosen by your child because they are interested in the subject / author / genre and its purpose is to continue to promote a love of books and reading.

We are continuing to encourage a lifelong love of reading in our children and promoting this is through the whole school reading reward scheme.

We aim for every child to read at home at least four times a week. When children do read at home, and have their reading journal signed by an adult, they can receive a 'punch' on their new 'Reading Reward Punch Card'. Richer reads can be independently whenever they are completed. However, staged books will be changed by an adult each week.



When they have read at home 20 times, they will have completed their punch card and will be celebrated in ICA assembly. There are three different levels of punch card - Bronze, Silver and Gold. Each time your child completes a level they will be rewarded with a different incentive.

Bronze = ICA celebration and a special sticker

Silver = ICA celebration and a special pencil

Gold = ICA celebration and a book from the Golden Box.

We hope that you will join us in promoting a love of reading and supporting your child in working towards earning a Golden Box book of their choice!

TT RockStars: All children will have their own individual log in to this website. We will put these on their reading record books for your reference. TT RockStars supports children in developing their confidence in times table recall.

Phonics Play: This is a great online resource full of games to support phonic development. The games are split into phases so you can choose the level most appropriate to support and challenge your child.

The log in is - Username: Chads22 Password: MayTel3

Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

The MTC is an on-screen assessment designed to determine whether pupils are able to fluently recall their multiplication tables up to 12, through a set of timed questions.

The official check consists of 25 questions. Pupils will have 6 seconds to answer each question, with 3-seconds pause between questions. Pupils will answer 3 practice questions before the check begins.

This year's check will take place within the three-week period from **Monday 2nd June 2026**.

Children will practice times tables at the beginning of each day, at the beginning of every maths lesson and they will be asked to practice at home each week.

Children have found that carrying out the check on an iPad was better as they were used to using this device more. When your child enters an answer, they don't need to press enter as they have 6 seconds to change their mind if they are wrong. Once they have pressed enter, their answer will automatically be taken so it is best to wait.

Little and often is key- practising for **5 minutes a day** is more beneficial than spending an evening on it. There aren't any division questions on the test but learning division facts will help the children to embed their understanding of times tables and know the facts quicker.

The urbrainy website below is a particularly useful practice tool as it closely resembles the check the children will do. There are other websites available to add variety to practice.

<https://urbrainy.com/mtc>

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/ttrs/online/play?mode=soundcheck>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

We will run an MTC parents' evening straight after school in the Year 4 classroom on **Monday 29th September**.