



WELCOME TO YEAR 4

Miss. Ashby

Mrs. Jackson (TA)

Mrs. McLoone (TA)

Mrs. Standen (PPA cover – Wed pm)

Welcome

- Thank you all very much for coming today
- I am looking forward to teaching your children in year 4. I am also looking forward to being a part of their learning journey throughout this year to support their growth and development both within themselves and academically.
- Year 4 is an exciting year as they are already settled into KS2 and therefore know what is expected of them, but it has lots of new and interesting topics to study. Such as The Roman Empire, WWII and its link with the local history of Berkhamsted.

Year 4 Curriculum Map 2017-18

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Literacy genre	<p>Reports (2 weeks) Using true life texts to create different types of reports</p> <p>Stories with humour (4 weeks) Using texts by David Walliams to create own story with humour</p>	<p>Persuasive Writing (3 weeks) Using a range of texts to create debates on different topics</p> <p>Syllabic poems: Vocabulary building and structure of different types of poems (3 weeks)</p>	<p>Traditional Tales/Myths Vocabulary building (1 week) Roman Myths (4 weeks)</p>	<p>Explanation Texts (4 weeks) 'Take one book' (2 weeks)</p> <p>Poetry: Structure of Narrative poetry (2 weeks)</p>	<p>Stories from other cultures (4 weeks) Comparing different cultures</p> <p>Nonsense Poems (2 weeks) Using specific books to create and perform own nonsense poem</p>	<p>Stories in familiar settings (3 weeks) 'Take one book' (1 week)</p> <p>Playscripts (3 weeks) Writing and acting out specific playscripts</p>
Cross-curricular Writing	<p>Diary entries based on WWII</p> <p>Reports linked to WWII</p>	<p>Persuasion texts on specific theme (WWII)</p> <p>Creating poems on topic of Remembrance Day</p>	Roman Myths	Explanation text- Until I met Dudley links to sound	Story writing linking to other cultures	Writing own playscripts

PSHE	New Beginnings linked to Beatitudes					
Science	Living things and their habitats	Sound	States of matter	Electricity	Animals including humans	
Computing	Digital communication linked to sound	Digital communication linked to sound	Programming and games	Programming and games	Databases linked to animals and humans	Databases linked to animals and humans
Topic	WWII linked to the local history in Berkhamsted		The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain		Exploring local area contrast with Brazil	
			Locating volcanoes linked to Romans/Pompeii		Rainforest in Brazil	
Art	Artist study (Henry Moore) linked to WWII	Collage of poppies for Remembrance	Roman mosaics, sketching and making collages		Observational Drawing using 'The Window' focusing on the	Sketching and drawing rainforest

DT	Creating an air raid shelter from junk modelling		Roman shields/Roman soldier uniform		Rainforest Dioramas	Healthy food plate collage
PE	Dance	Gymnastics	Swimming	Gymnastics	Athletics	Games

This is on the school website for you to have a look at if you wish

The Practical Issues

- If your child wishes to bring a snack in for morning break they may bring in a piece of fruit only.
- Two pairs of shoes are required for school, one pair for outdoors and another pair for indoors (plimsoles). Trainers need to be worn for outdoor sports/activities.
- Please make sure all water bottles, lunch boxes and clothing is clearly marked with your child's name or initials for easy identification.

- Lockers: Just like in Year 3, each child will have their own locker for which they are responsible. Everything must be kept inside and tidy. Red school bags with straps can be hung on the back of their chair in class.
- Reading Books: Each child will have a reading book and it will need to be in school everyday as they will have daily quiet reading time. This is also a chance for them to change their reading book. Reading Records need to be signed every time you hear your child read and these will be checked and signed by myself or a TA every Friday morning.

Pens/Pencils

- Children are only allowed to use pencil in their books unless they have a pen licence from Year 3.
- Felt tip pens are not acceptable to use in books, classwork and homework. Children may use colouring pencils to colour, decorate or annotate their work in their books.
- They can bring **one** pencil case to class if they wish which must be able to fit in their drawer.

PE

PE sessions on Tuesday afternoons will be led by Mr. Macey.

His lessons will involve:

Sept-Oct (1st half term) – Football skills

Oct-Dec (2nd half term) – Ball handling skills

Jan-Feb (1st half term) – Hockey

Feb-March (2nd half term) – Racket skills

March-July (Summer term) – Cricket/Athletics

PE on Friday afternoons will be led by myself, which will be dance/gymnastics.

Year 4 go swimming in the Spring term (letters will be sent out nearer the time)

Homework

- Each child will be issued with:

A homework diary

A Reading record book

A Maths homework book

A English homework book

A Learning Log

A spelling book

A Times Table book

- Presentation is equally as important in these books as it is in their books at school.
- Homework needs to be handed in by the day that is specified. They are responsible for handing their homework in on time, putting it in the correct box and ticking their name off the list.

Homework Timetable

- Monday: Spellings and times tables (For test on Friday)
- Tuesday: Maths (Due on Thursday)
- Wednesday: English (Due on Monday)
- Thursday: Science/RE/Topic (Due Tuesday)
- Friday: Mathletics (Due Monday)
- Reading for 20 minutes everyday.
- All homework tasks will be written in homework diaries.
- Homework diaries need to be signed at the end of every week.
- Homework diaries will be checked and signed by us every Monday.

Homework

- Homework should take no longer than 20 minutes a night (unless it is part of a topic), plus 20 minutes of reading. Children have a reading record where they can record their progress.
- The homework diary is also a communication link between home and school, however they will not be looked at on a daily basis. Therefore, if you have an urgent message for me then please send a note with your child to hand in to me.

Home Time

- Children will leave their class and meet the person responsible for their collection on the junior playground, just as in Year 3.
- The children are aware that if the person who is collecting them is not there then they must return to their classroom where an adult will assist them.

Important Dates

2017

- Tuesday 17th October 2017 – WWII trip to Royal Gunpowder Mills Waltham Abbey
- Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th October 2017 – Parents Evenings

2018

- Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd March 2018 – Parents Evenings

Any Questions?

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