

Welcome to Year 4!

Miss Bancroft (4B) and Miss Jan (4J) are the class teachers. Mrs Ashby will be supporting 4B and Ms Petch and Miss Kolka will be supporting 4J.

Key Dates (subject to change)

Thursday 4th September	School starts
Tuesday 9th September	Swimming starts
Monday 22nd September	Clubs begin
Wednesday 8th October	Individual Photos
Thursday 23rd October	Halloween Disco
Thursday 23rd October	School finishes
Friday 24th October	INSET DAY
27th October - 2nd Nov	Half Term
Monday 3rd November	School reopens
Monday 10th November	Anti Bullying Week
Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th November:	Parent Consultations (3:30-7pm)
Wednesday 26th November	Flu vaccination
Friday 12th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 18th December	Pantomime
Thursday 18th December	School finishes 1:30
Friday 19th December	INSET DAY

Equipment

Please ensure your child has the following equipment at the beginning of term, labelled with their full name:

2 HB pencils, 1 green and 1 pink highlighter, an eraser, pencil sharpener with container to collect sharpenings, a ruler, a glue stick, a small pack of colouring pencils and 2 fine Uni-ball pens (blue ink).

The above items should be kept in **one small clear pencil case** to fit in a shallow tray.

Homework

English and Maths homework will be set on Atom Prime each Wednesday and due in the following Wednesday. Spelling homework will be set on EdShed, also due on Wednesday. It is recommended that children attempt homework independently, before asking for parental support. We expect all children to read their books and log in their reading records every day; these are checked in school.

Multiplication Check

In Year 4, the children are expected to know and be able to recall their times tables quickly and fluently up to 12x12. We would encourage the children to spend 10 minutes a day practising this on Times Tables Rockstars, which we also use in school. They will be assessed on this during the Summer Term.

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What will we be doing this term?

Mathematics

Over this term we will be focusing on place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, as well as length, perimeter and area. We will also be practising our Times Tables on a daily basis. Children in Year 4 are expected to be able to recall up to 12 x 12 so please help your child to learn their times tables, and we will do the same at school.

French

This term, the children will be focusing on revising colours and making a basic conversation. They will also create their own superheroes and learn to describe their families.

PE—Swimming

Swimming will be on Tuesdays in both the Autumn term and the Spring term. Athletics and ball skills will be covered in the Summer term.

The children will be starting their swimming lessons at the Leisure Centre in Chesham. On Tuesdays, they should come to school wearing their PE kit and must bring their swimming costume (one piece for the girls)/trunks and a towel in a spare drawstring bag. Those who need a cap or goggles should bring these with them too.

English

Writing: This term we will be reading '*The Tin Forest*' and then revisiting '*Pebble in my Pocket*' as well as, '*The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*' and '*Leon and the place between*'. In addition, pupils will regularly practise their handwriting and will be expected to present their work as neatly as they can, following cursive, joined-up font.

Reading: Pupils will read independently on a daily basis and complete Accelerated Reader quizzes. Guided Reading sessions will be linked to different Greek Myths and '*The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*'. We will focus on developing fluency and comprehension skills. It is vital that pupils read at home each day, and we ask parents to spend time reading with their child before signing their home reading diary.

Science

This term we will begin with topic of 'Sound', where the children will study volume, pitch and how the ear works. We will then continue with 'Electricity', where they will discover how to create a circuit, what conductors and insulators are, and the dangers of electricity. Exciting experiments will enhance their curiosity!

PSHE

The children will explore the topic, 'Families and relationships' focusing on healthy friendships, respect and stereotypes.

Art and DT

Autumn A: Art—Drawing: Power prints

We will be focusing on drawing skills. We will think about how prints form an important part of the creative process, how to make art using scissors and finally, make and print designs.

Autumn B: D&T— Cooking and Nutrition

We will be focusing on our cooking skills and learning about nutrition. The children will think about recipes and experiment with adapting an existing recipe before making it.

Computing

The children will be developing their understanding of current E-safety issues. They will be learning about Computing systems and networks, focusing on collaborative learning. We will also learn about coding using Scratch.

Music

This term the children will continue developing their knowledge of playing instruments, by learning songs and tunes to play using a cornet.

Humanities: Two key questions will form the basis of the children's enquiry and learning.

Autumn A: History—Tudor and Victorian times

'How have children's lives changed?'

Autumn B: Geography

'Why do people live near volcanoes?'