

Welcome to Year 4 Information Letter



Welcome to Year 4. We are very excited to be working with you and your child from September.

The Year 4 teacher is:



Mrs Westbrook

Our school day begins at 8.30 and ends at 3.15 pm. The children will be seen in by their class teacher by the steps and they will be seen out from the double doors leading down the stairs to the playground.

PE

In Year 4, we have two PE sessions per week. Indoor PE for year 4 is on a Wednesday. Outdoor PE is on a Thursday. For our PE sessions, the children will need a t-shirt, shorts or jogging bottoms (weather dependant), jumper and trainers/plimsolls. The school PE kit is black shorts with a red or white t-shirt.



This is compulsory and any children not wearing the correct PE kit will be asked to change. Long hair must be tied up for PE and no earrings or jewellery is allowed.

Topic

Our first topic in Year 4 is 'Deep in the Rainforest'. We will be learning about the continents around the world and researching different rainforests. Throughout the topic, we will be developing our atlas skills and understanding the features a rainforest. We then move on to learning about the Brazilian way of life and Rio carnival.

School Trips

We are planning to visit Colchester Castle in the Spring term and Writtle Farming college in the Summer term. We also welcome a range of visitors linked to our topics throughout the year.

Online learning platforms

Each child will have their own login for Spelling Shed, Maths Shed, Purple Mash, Times Tables Rockstars and Accelerated Reader. We use these programmes in school and the children are also able to access these at home.



This supports them with their weekly spellings, number bonds and development of curriculum skills.

Homework

In Year 4, we encourage every child to read at least 3x a week at home. We reward their commitment to this reading challenge with team points.

Every child is given 10 weekly spellings to learn. We learn the spelling pattern in school but we also encourage children to practise their weekly spellings at home. This can be done on Spelling Shed.

Weekly spellings are given out on a Friday and a spelling test is completed the following Friday.

Maths homework will be set weekly on Purple Mash and children are encouraged to complete the work.

Playground

We use the KS2 playground and play alongside the Year 5 and 6 children. The children have the opportunity to use the hoops, outdoor gym equipment, tyre park or play games using the small equipment. Children can bring their own **healthy** snack from home for playtime.

Wellbeing

As a school, we value the children's wellbeing and the importance of allowing children the opportunity to relax. We have daily relaxation sessions after lunch and also weekly circle times where we are able to discuss and manage issues and worries that have arisen during the week. We also cover the importance of friendships, being respectful and good manners.

Growth Mindset

In Year 4, we encourage the children to have a growth mindset and this is modelled to the children in every lesson by the adults. It is important for the children to be resilient and understand that we learn by our mistakes.



Year 4 Highlights

Dance away at our Brazilian Carnival.

Exciting 'hands on' trips and experiences.

Topic days where children can become immersed in their learning.