

Welcome to Year 4 Information Letter

Welcome to Year 4. We look forward to working with you and your child from September.



The Year 4 teacher in September is:



Miss Riches- 4R

The children can enter school from 8:30-8:35am through the outside door of the classroom. The school day ends at 3.15pm. The children will be seen out from the top of the steps.

PE

In Year 4, we have two PE sessions per week. One session is indoors and the children will need **black** shorts and a **red or white** t-shirt. The second session is outdoors and the children will need **black** shorts, a **red or white** t-shirt, **black** jogging bottoms, a jumper and trainers/plimsolls. T-shirts for PE must cover your child's waist and shoulders please. Long hair must be tied up for PE and **no earrings** are allowed. Our PE days are Wednesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor).



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 of 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.

Swimming

In the Spring term, Year 4 have the opportunity to attend swimming lessons at Waterside Farm Leisure Centre. This will develop the children's confidence in the water and boost their skills.

Homework

In Year 4, we encourage every child to read at least 3x a week at home. 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 or in their home spelling books. Weekly spellings are given out on a **Friday** and a spelling test is completed the following **Friday**. Maths homework will be set on **Fridays** on Purple Mash by their teacher. This needs to be handed in each **Friday**.

Healthy Snack

Now children are in Key Stage 2, they no longer receive a free piece of fruit so please provide your child with a healthy snack for break time.

Healthy snacks can include: a piece of fruit, a breakfast bar (no nuts), vegetable sticks, yogurt or rice cakes.

Children can bring their own snack from home.

Wellbeing

As a school, we value the children's wellbeing and the importance of allowing children the opportunity to relax. We have weekly relaxation sessions and 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.