

HELPING AT HOME

There is much you can do at home to help and support your child's learning. Research shows that when school and home work together and children are supported in their learning at home, they do better academically than those children who solely rely on school.

Reading

Please hear your child read from their reading book at least three times a week. In addition to there are age related story spine books which are available in school for you to use outside of the colour banded books.

Spelling

Your child will be set spellings to learn each week and will be tested the following week. Please ensure that your child learns these. The interactive website 'Spelling Shed' has your child's spellings featured and allows them to be learnt and tested at home using any web based device. Practice with them and test them so they know how many they know before their spelling test.

Times Tables Rock Stars

All year 4 children need to know their times tables up to 12x12, please practise regularly as the children will be tested by a statutory Government test at the end of the year to assess their rapid recall.

PE DAYS—Please ensure your child comes in the correct PE kit and NOT own clothes. PE kit—Plain white t shirt, with or without collar, with or without logo. Navy, black, grey leggings or jogging bottoms. Navy sweatshirt, with or without logo. A pair of plimsoles WITHOUT black soles to be kept IN school, in a pump bag for indoor PE. A pair of sensible trainers to be worn for school on outdoor PE days. A pair of navy, black, grey shorts for indoor PE days.



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Year 4

Parent Information Leaflet

Douglas Fir—Mr Shennan

Oak—Miss McKeown

Band Leader—Mrs Connolly

Assistant Headteacher for KS2—

Mrs Speight

Deputy Headteacher—Mrs Parry

Executive Headteacher—Mr Forber

Welcome back to Year 4!

We are now two weeks into the new school year and the children have settled in well. Once again, the children can look forward to a busy and eventful term with lots of exciting activities such as a trip to Chester Zoo and an exciting theme of 'Eureka' - following the Ancient Greeks.

As it is the start of a new year, we thought it may be helpful to provide some information on the ways that you as a parent/guardian can help your child to reach his/her full potential.

IMPORTANT DAYS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OUTDOOR PE DAYS:

Douglas Fir: Monday and Friday

Oak: Monday and Tuesday

Please ensure your child has their full PE kit in on the above day.

(PE days may be subject to change—we will let you know if this happens)

TRIPS / VISITS / EVENTS:

Chinese Day in class - 23rd September

Chester Zoo - 22nd November Daytrip

COMMUNICATION

If you wish to talk to the teacher about anything please do so; often small issues can be quickly resolved, if we know about them. If the class teacher has been unable to solve the problem the next person to speak to is the Band Leader and then the Assistant Headteacher.

Please read **newsletter** to keep informed about what is happening in school. Important information is shared on here. Check the website if your child hasn't brought one home or follow the link on the weekly text message. **Twitter—In a few weeks we hope to be using twitter to share photos. If you would not like your child's photo on Twitter please tell us.**

For class information follow the class **TWITTER** page.

CURRICULUM—What your child will be learning

English

This term we will be focusing on the text 'The Whale by Ethan and Vita Murrow.

The text provides a wide range of writing opportunities such as setting descriptions, narratives, letters, diary entries and poetry.

Maths

This term we will be learning to represent numbers to 10,000. The children will learn to add and subtract up to 4 digit numbers using a written method. In multiplication and division we will be recap the 3,4, and 8s times table before learning our 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12 times tables.

Physical Education

We will also be doing Gymnastics, Fitness and Hockey as part of our PE sessions.

Science

Our science unit for the Autumn term will be 'All living things' in which the children will be learning all about animals, their habitats and our local environment. We will also be learning about 'Animals including Humans' and the parts of animals that help with digestion.

Curriculum

This term, our broad and balanced curriculum is 'Eureka'. The geography, history and art curriculum will be taught related to the Ancient Greeks. In Art, we will learn to work with patterns and in DT we will use our food skills to make bread!.