

A Guide to Class 4

Staffing

Mrs Whelan teaches Class 4 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Whiting teaches Thursday and Friday. Mrs Orwin is our teaching assistant and she works in the class for part of every day. On Tuesdays, Game On will teach Class 4 PE.

Reading

Your child must have their reading book in school every day. They will need to remember to ask to change their book if they need to. The expectation is that they should read at home, on average 4 times a week, and record this on the BoomReader app. Individual children will be awarded house points for regular reading and, as a class, they can work towards a reward for each 100 books they complete.

Parents can help develop their child's reading/comprehension by asking them questions about what they have read and by modelling good reading, including the use of expression.

Library Books

Class 4 visit the library on a Monday and this is their opportunity to change their library book. The children are also allowed to enjoy the library during lunchtimes.


PE

PE will be on different days each term (see below) but may change at short notice due to the weather, or other events going on in school. Children will need to come in to school in their PE kits on their PE days. Swimming for Class 4 will take place later in the year. Forest School will take place in the second part of Autumn Term on a Thursday (details will follow).

Autumn 1	Monday and Tuesday
Autumn 2	Tuesday plus Forest School
Spring 1	Tuesday and Wednesday
Spring 2	Tuesday and Wednesday
Summer 1	Tuesday and Friday (swimming TBC)
Summer 2	Thursday and Friday (swimming TBC)

Homework and Curriculum

Children are expected to do reading and times tables practice 4 times per week. We can monitor both of these via the BoomReader + TT Rockstars apps.



The school curriculum is available on the class pages of the website. The information for each subject for each half term is set out in our Knowledge Organisers. Please refer to these for information about the topics we will be covering each half term.

Spellings

Spellings will be taught in focused sessions in school throughout the week. We do not send specific spellings home, but this can be available on request. Children who require additional support are given this through the focused sessions.

Times tables and mental maths

Each morning we start the day with Maths drills, which focus on key mental arithmetic skills and times tables. There are a series of drills that the children will progress through, focusing on a different skill each day. There is always a challenge for those children who need it, and support available to those who have been identified as needing a little extra help.

Seating

The children change places frequently. This enables them to work with and mix with people outside their usual friendship group. Sometimes, the children are allowed to choose their own seats for certain lessons.

Equipment

Children are provided with a school pencil case with a writing pencil (and pen if they have gained their pen licence), rubber, sharpener, scissors, ruler, glue stick and colouring pencils. We ask for a donation of £9.00 towards this which can be made on Arbor. We then restock pencil cases throughout the year, as required, at no extra cost. They should not bring any other pencil cases or stationary items. We thank you for your support with this.

And finally...

We are always here to talk about your child and any classroom routines. Please feel free to contact us through the office or catch us after school. Obviously we can be busy in the morning trying to get ready for the day but we are available after school when the children have been dismissed if you have anything you need to discuss.

Kind regards,

Mrs K Whelan and Mrs R Whiting