



WEST BOROUGH

YEAR 4 PARENT INFORMATION



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September 2020

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Year 4 Staff

Lime Class – Class Teacher: Mrs Walker, Teaching Assistant: Mrs Dunn

Lilac Class – Class Teacher: Miss Taylor, Trainee Teacher: Mrs Cook, Teaching Assistant: Miss Buckley

Year 4 LSA: Mrs Pestrige

Leader of Learning for Woodlands Team (Y3 & 4): Mrs Walker

PPA Cover (PE and Music) is Tuesday afternoons. This is covered by Mr Atkinson/Mrs Hill. Children need to wear their PE kits to school on a Tuesday.

Our Learning

During the course of the year our topics will be:

- Term 1— Light and Sound
- Term 2—Frozen
- Term 3—Chocolate
- Term 4—The Water Cycle
- Term 5—Europe
- Term 6—The Human Body

For the first few weeks we are spending time helping the children reconnect with each other and school life. We are also gauging where the children are in their Maths and English learning, so we can plan to fill any gaps. Please be reassured that we are taking things slowly whilst everyone settles back in to school life.

Learning is cross curricular and we will continue to focus on deepening understanding of Maths through the mastery approach and English skills. Children will be expected to write in Standard English and expectations of handwriting, spelling, punctuation and grammar will continue to be high.

We will continue to develop learning skills alongside our core values and curriculum. These skills enable children to become life long learners. The focus of these skills change every other term.

Any trips or visits will be confirmed later on in the year when we have more clarification about what it is safe for schools to do.

Water Bottles and Fruit

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school everyday. They may also bring in a fruit snack for playtime. If it is cut fruit, please put this in a named container.

Timestables

It is an expectation that children in Year 4 know all of their times tables up to 12 x 12. At the end of the year there is a Timestable check which the children will take part in. To help them prepare for this, children will continue to be tested as part of the 'Rockstars Maths' award in which certificates are awarded for continued high achievement. Times tables should be practiced regularly at home. Children can also practise at home via Timestable Rockstars. A reminder of their login will come home with them.

Learning at Home

Children are expected to read at home at least 3 times a week and the contact book should be signed. However, reading books need to be in school every day. Reading books will be changed once a week for the foreseeable future.

We will be continuing Buster's Reading incentive scheme this year. Children will receive a new bookmark very soon. Please record the number of minutes that they have read on a Wednesday evening ready for data collection on a Thursday. If your child has exceeded their target minutes please record this on the bookmark too. Our target in **Year 4 is to read for at least 20 minutes per night.**

In addition to reading, we expect the children to learn and practise times tables and weekly spellings. The children will also continue to have home learning. This needs to be completed and returned to school on a **MONDAY** morning.

Welcome to Year 4, the Year 4 team are all looking forward to a fantastic year of learning and fun. The children have already settled in so well and we can't wait to see them blossom as the year progresses. We would like to thank you all in advance for supporting your children's learning during their time in Year 4.

Class Teacher Contact

As we are unable to have face to face contact with parents currently, we will endeavour to keep you up to date with what we've been learning via our website. We may also call you from time to time. Should you need to contact your child's teacher, please write a note in your child's contact book. Alternatively, you can email their teacher. Please note that emails may not be checked during the day so if your matter is urgent, please contact the school office.

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Equality, Responsibility, Respect, Resilience, Challenge