



WEST BOROUGH

YEAR 4 PARENT INFORMATION



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Year 4 Staff

Larch Class – Class Teacher: Mrs Cook - Teaching Assistants: Mrs Ilieva, Mrs Dosanjh & Miss Brown
Lime Class – Class Teacher: Mrs Wheaton (Mon-Thurs) Mrs Kelly (Fri) Teaching Assistant: Miss Atkinson
Leader of Learning for Woodlands Team (Y3 & 4): Mrs Bunting

PPA Cover every other **Tuesday** a class will have PPA. This is covered by Mrs Hill and Mr Atkinson. Children need to wear their PE kits to school on a **Tuesday** and a **Friday**. Please wear warmer clothes (navy joggers and navy hoodie) in the colder months and please take out earrings on these days.

Our Learning

During the course of the year our topic enquiry questions will be:

Term 1: How did a man from Maidstone change the face of chocolate?

Term 2: Was the Roman invasion good or bad for Britain?

Term 3: Where should we go on holiday?

Term 4: How does the water go round and round?

Term 5: How cold is too cold?

Term 6: Was the Anglo-Saxon period really a Dark Age?

For the first few weeks, we are spending time 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 time to ensure everyone settles back in to school life after the summer holidays.

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.

Alongside our academic curriculum, children are taught a range of skills which help them to become resilient citizens. As well as a focus on our Core Values, pupils will have regular RHE (Relationship & Health Education) sessions and develop their knowledge and the use of Zones of Regulation. These zones help children to recognise and communicate how they are feeling in a safe, non-judgemental way.

Any trips or visits will be confirmed later on in the year once we have bookings and availability confirmed.

Water Bottles and Fruit

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school every-day; please ensure this is water only. 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 Statutory Timestable check which the children will take part in. To help them prepare for this, children will continue to be regularly tested in class.

Timestables should also be practiced regularly at home and children can access Timestables Rock-stars using their login.

A reminder of their login will be sent home with them in their blue reading record books.

Learning at Home

Children are expected to read aloud 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 as often as necessary. We will be continuing with Bookaneers, children should read for 20 mins on a Wednesday night and book marks must be signed by an adult. We will then check this on a Thursday.

In addition to reading, we expect the children to learn and practise times tables which can be done through Times Tables Rock Stars with their own log in. This is in the back of their reading record book.

The children will continue to have home learning which needs to be completed to a high standard. This must be returned to school on a weekly basis as per the termly challenge sheet.

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

Should you need to contact your child's teacher, please send a message via Class Dojo. Absences can be reported via ParentMail, or by telephone (01622 726391). To advise us of a change in collection arrangements, please telephone the office (by 2:15pm where possible) or let the class teacher know the day before. Please note that Dojo's may not be checked during the day, so if your matter is urgent, please contact the school office.

We will endeavour to keep you up to date with what we've been learning via Class Dojo. We may also need to call you from time to time.

Equality, Responsibility, Respect, Resilience, Challenge