



Welcome to Year 4

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What we will do in Year 4!



Year 4 is a super year!

- ❖ We will work as a school team to support and guide your lovely children through their learning, playing, friendships and emotional understanding.
- ❖ We will learn in many different ways- through games, investigations, independent learning, group tasks, formal learning and most importantly we will have fun!!
- ❖ If you ever have any worries, questions or things you or I need to know, please just come and chat to me- we are all here to support the children.
- ❖ School life can get very busy, I will let you know any details or changes as soon as possible!

Uniform



KS1 and KS2 Uniform	
Winter Uniform Year 1 - 6	Summer Uniform – Years 1 - 6
Black school shoes	Black school shoes
White shirt	White Polo shirt
Maroon, gold and white striped tie	No tie
Maroon 'V' necked sweatshirt or cardigan with logo	Maroon 'V' necked sweatshirt or cardigan, with logo
Grey pinafore, skirt or trousers	Grey pinafore, skirt, trousers or shorts, or a yellow checked dress
Dark coloured socks or tights	White or dark coloured socks

PE / Sports Kit
• Trainers • White, plain, round necked t-shirt • Black shorts - jogging bottoms may be worn for 'outside lessons' during the cooler months • Dark coloured hoodie or sweatshirt – separate to their school jumper for 'outside lessons'. Optional School 'hoodie' with school logo

**No
branded
PE kit
please**

Activities Year 4 can get involved in!

Please encourage your child to get involved:

Sports

Mini Vinnies

Promoting Gospel values, leading prayer and worship

Performing Arts

Our School and Class Values

Kindness, Forgiveness, Teamwork and Try Your Best



Encourage healthy friendships

We don't stop anyone else learning

Interpreting the behaviour of others

Being a listener

Regulating our emotions

Bounce back

Practising gratitude, reflection, compassion

Recognising our gifts

How we can help others

Online safety

Good Personal Hygiene – Deodorant

Cyberbullying

Healthy friendships

Gaming addictions

FOMO



What do they need to know?

SPaG

Key grammatical terms

Statutory Words for Years 3/4

READING is the absolute key to success.

WORD READING

Decoding
Automatic recall of known
words
Learning to read

COMPREHENSION

Reading to learn

1. Vocabulary
2. Inference
3. Prediction
4. Explanation
5. Retrieval
6. Sequence/Summarise



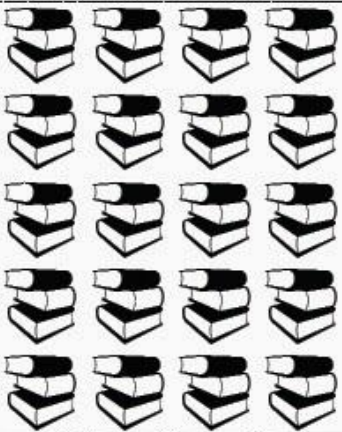
Only when a child can do BOTH are they a fluent reader.

Unfortunately for some children, difficulty with reading early may breed a learned helplessness and at KS2 it is imperative that we support children to think for themselves. With others there is an inclination to GIVE UP. We need to develop RESILIENCE and STAMINA as a reader.

Maths - Wear a watch, New maths scheme, access our AMAZING Intervention groups, Embed number facts, **times tables** and practise the four rules of number.

Why is Reading for Pleasure vital?

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
		
❖ Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests.

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.



Why Your Child Can't Skip Their 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight

James

Travis

reads 20 minutes per night,
5 times per week



reads only 4 minutes per night
...or not at all

In one week:

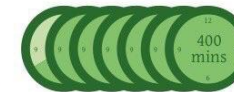
100
minutes of reading



20
minutes of reading

In one month:

400
minutes of reading



80
minutes of reading

In one school year (9 months):

3600
minutes of reading



720
minutes of reading

By the end of eighth grade:

28,800
minutes of reading



5760
minutes of reading

Which student would you expect to read better?
Which student would you expect to know more?
Which student would you expect to write better?
Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary?
Which student would you expect to be more successful in school and life?
How do you think each student will feel about himself as a learner?



GREER GENIUS
BRILLIANT DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT

Why is there a decline in reading for pleasure?

'Reading for pleasure' is being confused with 'literacy' by many parents at home who commonly don't realise that the more it's pushed as a school subject, the less likely a child is to choose to do it. In the school environment, the national curriculum focuses on reading skills above reading pleasure. However, when pleasure drives reading, children achieve far more.

Homework

This is designed to consolidate work done in class.

Year 4 Homework and Routines		
Monday	20 minutes Reading Homework	
Tuesday	20 minutes Reading Homework	Wear P.E kit
Wednesday	20 Minutes Reading Homework	
Thursday	20 minutes Reading Homework	Swimming Kits required. Wear P.E kit
Friday	30 Minutes Reading Homework	Homework taken home today (to be completed and handed in by the following Wednesday please)

Learning Platforms: Read Theory, TT Rockstars.

How you can help

- Ask your child what they have learnt
- Aim for good attendance scores
- Check and sign their Reading Book each night Monday-Friday
- Read to them
- Encourage the timely completion of Homework in a quiet area to allow for concentration
- Ensure your child is well rested and ready to learn each day
- Send them to school with a water bottle and healthy snacks
- Monitor their online interactions
- Promote positive, healthy friendships with all.



"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot, together we can do great things"

Mother Teresa

Class Fund



- If you are able to, we would love a donation to our class fund. The money will be used to save up for more reading books and games/resources for wet play. This is paid via ParentPay and we are asking for £2 per week!



Dates to remember:

Every Thursday morning at 8.30am, you are warmly invited to a Prayer Service led by Year 6

- Friday 19th September-FOAS Own Clothes Day for a Bottle Donation
- Saturday 20th September FOAS Family Fun Day 12pm-3pm
- Friday 26th September: Macmillan Coffee Morning
- 1st October Whole School Mass led by Year 6
- Thursday 2nd October: National Poetry Day
- International Day of Languages: Thursday 26th September
- Thursday 9th October –Individual and Sibling Photographs
- Tuesday 21st October – Parents Evening – 3:45pm – 6:30pm
- Wednesday 22nd October – Parents Evening- 3:45pm – 6:30pm



Come and ask us



- If you have any queries, please come and speak to us.
- If we can't help you right away- we will arrange a time where we can.