

How can you support your child?

The most important way you can support your child is to read with them and to them. Ten minutes reading a night makes a significant impact on a child's academic attainment. Even children who are competent, fluent readers need to read out loud as often as possible to help them with new words or tricky pronunciations.

Please sign your child's diary so that I can see how often your child is reading with at home with you.



Each week we send a homework task via Class Dojo on a Thursday and this should be completed by the following Tuesday.

Don't forget that your child needs in school:

- A pair of wellies / trainers
- Waterproof trousers are useful for the wet days

Children in Year 4 should be fairly independent and able to pack their own bag for school each day. They will need:

- A coat
- Their reading diary
- Their reading book
- A water bottle

Please name everything! We find so much uniform left around school and if it isn't named, it will be stored in our lost property in the front entrance.

Please make sure your child is wearing the correct school uniform. It is listed on our website. Children should also wear black shoes.

Our PE day will be a Tuesday. Please send your child in their PE kit on this day.

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Year 4AS

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Mrs Stephenson will be supported by Mrs Wright and Mrs Malaspina.



BEXTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parent Information Booklet

The School Day

The Year 4 door will open at 8.40am and we like children to arrive as close to this time as possible, as we use the time before register to practice some key maths skills.

At **8.50am** we will begin our morning lessons and at **10.40am** it is break time. We can have a drink and a snack. Please only send healthy snacks. No chocolate, crisps or nuts (as we have children with serious allergies to nuts).

At **12.30pm** we start our lunch break and go to the dinner hall for our lunch about 12.40. If you would like your child to have a school dinner then these are paid for through Scopay (currently £2.50). The children can choose from three options (see the menu on our website) and all dietary requirements are catered for. You are welcome to send a packed lunch instead.

After eating, the children go outside and enjoy the OPAL equipment. We aim to give the children full access to the play areas all year round, so on muddy days the children can wear waterproof trousers to protect their uniform.

At **1.30pm** it is time for us to go back in for our afternoon lessons, until the end of the school day at **3.20pm**.



Curriculum

In Year 4 your child will be enjoying some chapter books. As your child becomes more fluent and independent, it is still very important to listen to them read often. In reading they will learn to:

- Read most words fluently, decoding longer words with increasing speed and skill
- Read with an awareness of an audience, e.g. changes of intonation, volume and pace
- Use the features of a non-fiction book to retrieve, record and discuss information.
- Understand what they read, identifying the main ideas in a paragraph and summarising these.

Learning in history, geography and science also supports your child's reading development. Some of the topics in these subjects are:

Science: Animals including humans, living things and their habitats, solids, liquids and gases, sound and electricity

Geography: Scandinavian Europe, Settlements (York) and mountains

History: Anglo-Saxons, Vikings and King Canute

Parents can support their child by also reading some non-fiction books about topics that interest your child. Please see our curriculum page on our website for lots more information.

We will be doing our PE lessons on a Tuesday. My PPA time will be covered by Mrs Ledwith every other Tuesday.



Communication

It is vital that parents read communications sent from school. We will communicate by:



- Sending a weekly newsletter with important dates and events clearly listed.
- Facebook, Instagram and Twitter are used to share what the children have been doing in school. Homework is posted on your child's Class Dojo page.
- The website has a lot of information which is useful to parents. Newsletters are posted there each Monday and all our curriculum information is posted there.
- We try to keep emails to a minimum but these will come via Scopay (as do the newsletters). If you don't receive communications please check your preferences within your account (the school cannot do this for you).
- Parents Evenings are run twice a year and these are an important way of finding out how your child is doing academically and socially within school. We offer virtual sessions and if your child has a SEND support plan or an EHCP, a face to face appointment.
- There will be other events which enable you to come into school and find out what your child has been doing. Please keep an eye on the weekly newsletter for these.