



4JW PARENT INFORMATION



Miss Whiteley

Miss Whiteley will be the class teacher.

Mrs Rachubka

Mrs Rachubka will be teaching the class on alternate Tuesdays.



THE SCHOOL DAY



The Year 4 classroom door opens at 8:40am, and we encourage children to arrive as close to this time as possible. The time before registration is a valuable opportunity for us to warm up our brains with some key maths skills - it's a great way to start the day!

Our morning lessons begin promptly at 8:50am and run through to break time at 10:40am. During break, children are welcome to have a drink and a snack. We ask that snacks are healthy - please avoid chocolate, crisps and especially nuts, as we have children in school with serious nut allergies.

Children also have the option to buy toast, cheese on toast or bagels from the kitchen from just 25p.

Lunchtime begins at 12:30pm, with children heading into the hall for their meal at around 12:40pm. If your child would like a school dinner, these can be ordered and paid for through Scopay (currently £2.95). There are three delicious options each day (including vegetarian choices), and all dietary needs are catered for - please see our menu on the school website. Of course, you're also welcome to send a packed lunch if you prefer.

After eating, the children head outside to enjoy our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) equipment. We aim to keep the play areas open all year round, so on muddier days, children need to have waterproof trousers to help keep their uniform clean.

Our afternoon lessons begin at 1:30pm and the school day finishes at 3:20pm.

CURRICULUM

In Year 4, children begin to enjoy more chapter books, and their fluency and confidence as readers really start to grow. As they become more independent, it's still very important to listen to them read regularly—it helps develop their comprehension, expression and enjoyment of reading.

In reading lessons, your child will be learning to:

- Read most words fluently, including decoding longer words with greater speed and accuracy
- Read aloud with expression and awareness of an audience, adjusting tone, volume and pace
- Use non-fiction features (like headings, glossaries and diagrams) to retrieve, record and discuss information
- Understand what they read by identifying main ideas in a paragraph and summarising key points

Our learning across other subjects also supports reading and vocabulary development. Some of our exciting topics this year include:

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 World War II

You can support your child by sharing non-fiction books and resources linked to these areas- or anything else that sparks their curiosity! A visit to the local library can be a great place to start.

For more details about our curriculum, please visit the Curriculum page on our school website.

COMMUNICATION

REMINDERS

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD

One of the most powerful ways you can support your child's learning is by reading with them and to them. Just 10 minutes of reading each night can make a real difference to their academic progress and overall confidence.

Even if your child is a confident, fluent reader, reading aloud is still incredibly valuable. It helps them tackle new vocabulary, tricky pronunciations, and develops their expression and comprehension.



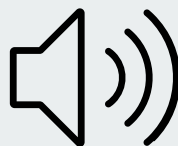
Please sign your child's reading diary regularly - this helps us keep track of their reading at home and celebrate their efforts in school.

Homework tasks are set every Thursday and published on our class page on the school website. These tasks should be completed by the following Tuesday. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child build good routines and independence.



Keeping up with school communications is really important so that you don't miss key dates, news or events. We work hard to keep parents well-informed through a variety of channels:

- **Weekly Bulletin:** Published every Friday via Scopay, our Bulletin includes important dates, reminders and upcoming events - all in one place.
- **Social Media:** Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to see snapshots of daily life in school and to celebrate what the children have been learning.
- **School Website:** Our website is packed with useful information for parents, including Bulletins, curriculum overviews, policies and more. This is also where you'll find weekly homework and class-specific updates. It's a great way to stay in touch with what's going on in class.
- **Emails:** We keep email communication to a minimum, but when we do send them, they'll come via Scopay. If you're not receiving emails, please check your notification preferences in your Scopay account, as we are unable to adjust these for you.
- **Parents' Evenings:** Held twice a year, these are a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's academic progress and wellbeing. For children with a SEND Support Plan or EHCP, we will arrange slightly longer meetings.
- **In-School Events:** Throughout the year, we'll invite you in to see what your child has been learning and to celebrate their achievements. Keep an eye on the weekly Bulletin so you don't miss these special moments!



To help your child make the most of their school day, please make sure they have the following items in school:

- A pair of wellies or trainers for outdoor play
- Waterproof trousers for wet or muddy days - these are essential to protect their uniform

Year 4 pupils are expected to be fairly independent. This includes packing their own bags each day.

Each day, your child should bring:

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

Please label everything! We regularly find items of uniform and equipment around school and unlabelled items are placed in the lost property box in the front entrance.

Please ensure your child wears the correct school uniform, including black shoes. A full uniform list can be found on our school website.

PE takes place on Tuesdays, so your child should come to school wearing their PE kit on this day.

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