

Welcome to Year 4

Information about what your child will learn this year.

School Day

	9-9:30	9:30-10:55			10:55-11:10	11:10-12:30		12:30-1:15	1:15-2:15		2:15-3:15
Monday	Assembly	English		SPAG	B	Rockstars	Maths	L	Science		Guided Reading
Tuesday	English		Spanish 10-10:30	Guided Reading	R	Spelling	Maths	U	Science		PE
Wednesday	English		Rockstars	Maths	E	Guided Reading	Rockstars Computers	N	Hand-writing	PSHE	
Thursday	Singing Assembly	SPAG		English	A	Spelling	Maths	C	Computing		PE
Friday	Assembly	Guided Reading		English	K	Rockstars	Maths	H	Spelling	Music	Art

Maths

- ▶ Lessons start with 4 questions to revise learning from last lesson, last week, last term and last year.
- ▶ Input starts with straightforward knowledge which the children can practise and then progresses to using this knowledge to solve problems.
- ▶ There will be big focus on learning our times tables this year as it is so important.
- ▶ Children should have brought home a login for times table rockstars which they can use to practise their times tables regularly at home.
- ▶ We will also have times table tests 3 times a week and they will have a rockstars computer lesson once a week.

Times tables test

- ▶ All year 4 children in the country will take part in a multiplication check in June 2024.
- ▶ This will be done on computers during school time in small groups.
- ▶ The test consists of 3 practise questions followed by 25 questions. They only have 6 seconds to answer each question.
- ▶ On times table rockstars, The soundcheck game is modelled on this test.

English

- ▶ Spelling lessons happen twice a week. This year, we will be focussing on more complicated sounds and spelling patterns to build on their knowledge from previous years.
- ▶ SPAG lessons (spelling, punctuation and grammar) will take place twice a week focusing on using a wider range of punctuation, sentence structures and tenses
- ▶ Every English lesson will start with a SPAG starter to get the children thinking and they will be encouraged to use these new skills in their writing.
- ▶ In the main body of our English lessons we will work on reading a class novel and using this as inspiration for writing lessons. Every 3 weeks we will tackle a longer piece of writing over a few days. We will always try to complete a fiction and a non-fiction genre every half term.
- ▶ Guided Reading sessions will be taught 4 times a week. Children will read with a teacher twice a week and will complete other reading-based activities independently.

Topic

- ▶ All of our other subjects are taught through topics.
- ▶ This half term our topic is about music and sound. This is mainly a science topic but also covers a lot of music objectives as well. Some lessons will have a history or geography focus. Art and design and technology are also linked to our topic.

- ▶ Year 4 topics will include:

Why is music enjoyed by so many?

Where would you build a city?

How could you cope without electricity for 1 day?

Why were the Romans so powerful?

What happens to the food we eat?

Who were more successful, the Anglo-Saxons or the Vikings?

PE

- ▶ Our PE lessons are on Tuesday and Thursdays. Children will need a full change of clothes including sensible footwear for these lessons.
- ▶ It might be worth having a jumper or hoodie and jogging bottoms as the weather gets colder as the lessons may be outdoors.
- ▶ If your child has earrings which can be removed, it would be best if they didn't wear them on PE days.
- ▶ Long hair should be tied back for PE.
- ▶ Our Tuesday PE lesson will focus on dance linked to our music topic this half term.
- ▶ In our Thursday lesson we will be doing skills linked to playing invasion type games.
- ▶ After Easter, Year 4 will be going swimming on a Thursday afternoon. You will receive more information about these sessions nearer the time.

Homework

- ▶ Children should all have brought a reading book home. Books should come in on a Friday when they will be checked and changed if needed and handed back the same day. They need to read at least three times during the week and write in their reading diary about what they have read.
- ▶ The class will get a sheet of homework every week. One side will usually be a spelling pattern to learn for the following week. The other side will be maths. To start off with I will be focussing on practising times tables for homework.
- ▶ Homework will be set on a Friday and needs to be completed by the following Wednesday.
- ▶ We are using a spelling scheme called superhero spellings. We will practise a spelling strategy each week as homework and we will practise these strategies in class as well. Children will have a spelling test to practise these spellings on a Friday.
- ▶ Children will also have their own personal spelling list in their English books. I will fill these in as I spot spellings they need to practise. When they have 10 spellings, they will bring these home in preparation for a spelling test.

Help us run our

SCHOOL STREET



Can you spare half an hour to help?

- You'll be helping keep our children safe
- You'll get **training**,
- There's **free childcare** at Littlestones if you're dropping off / picking up
- It's a great way to **get to know** the school and other parents too!



If we don't get more volunteers, we won't be able to keep it running.
Please speak to the school office or let your child's teacher know if you can help out. Thank you!