

Year 4 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome Back!

I hope you have had a lovely summer holiday and enjoyed a good rest. I have an exciting term planned and there is lots to look forward to. Below, you will find some useful information about Year 4, including our weekly timetable.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
am	Mr Hutchinson	Forest School	Mr Hutchinson	Mr Hutchinson	Mr Hutchinson
pm	Music for Life Mr Hutchinson	Mrs Hayes	Mr Hutchinson	Mr Hutchinson	Mr Hutchinson

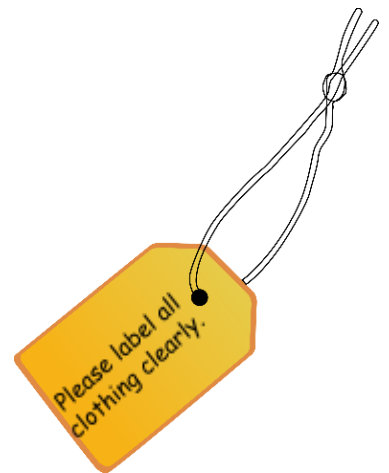
Throughout the week, Year 4 will be supported by Mrs Hayes and Mrs Davies.

I cannot wait to teach the children throughout the year, get to know each of them individually and watch them grow into wonderful young people. Below, you will find some information that I hope will be useful. If you have any questions or require any further information, please do let me know and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Uniform

Although the summer holidays are over, September can be an unpredictable month for weather. Some days may be warm and sunny, while others may bring torrential rain! Please keep an eye on the weather and make sure children are dressed appropriately, including bringing a coat when needed.

Please could children with long hair have it tied back fully. Earrings and watches are permitted, but children should not wear other jewellery.



PE & Forest School

PE in Year 4 will usually take place on Friday.

Children will require a PE kit to be kept in school at all times. This should consist of:

- a plain (or logoed) light blue PE top
- plain navy shorts
- trainers or pumps

Depending on the time of year, children may also need a pair of joggers for outdoor PE.

Please continue to send children to school in their Forest School clothes on Tuesdays as they will be first up on a Tuesday morning!

Snacks and Water Bottles

It is important that children bring a water bottle into school each day so that they can stay hydrated throughout the day. Water bottles will be kept on desks, so please ensure they have a sports lid rather than an open top to help prevent spillages.

Please remember that snacks brought into school should be healthy - fruit or other healthy options, please. Snacks are also available to purchase from the kitchen.



I will aim to set homework and spellings on Mondays, with it being due the following week. The work will link to what we are covering in class.

Homework should take no more than an hour and should be completed fairly independently. If you find that your child has had difficulty completing a task, or has found it particularly easy, please let me know. I'd be happy to support them throughout the week with it. It is important that children take pride in their presentation in homework tasks, in the same way that they would in school.

The children will focus on spelling patterns in school throughout the week, but please continue to practise these at home.

Times Tables

Children will also be given times tables to practise throughout the week after the first couple of weeks. These will be tested on Mondays once we begin handing these out. It's an important year for times tables in schools as children will be taking part in the Multiplication Timestables Check at the end of the academic year, so please support your child in as many ways possible for this. More information regarding this will follow.

Reading

Alongside homework, your child should read regularly at home, either independently or to you, depending on their ability.

We have a great selection of books in school, but please don't hesitate to visit the library or a bookshop with your child to select new books.

I will aim to closely monitor the children's reading choices so that they don't spend too long reading the same book, change their book daily without completing it, or read the same type of book continuously.

I will also speak to the children about choosing books that are appropriate for their reading ability. They are welcome to challenge themselves if they really feel they are able to, but I want to encourage them to read as often as possible and enjoy what they are reading. As adults, we don't always choose the most challenging books available to us - sometimes we enjoy returning to a familiar story or choosing a quick and easy read depending on how we feel!

Children will also complete a weekly task in their Reading and Homework Diaries. This task will be completed in school, rather than at home.

And finally ...

I hope the children will enjoy settling into Year 4, and I am really looking forward to getting to know them and seeing them develop throughout the year.

Please remember that if you have any concerns or questions, I am always happy to speak to you by email, phone call or at the end of the school day. We can then arrange a longer meeting if necessary.

The Year 4 email address is **year4@mickletrafford.cheshire.sch.uk**. This is checked most days, but please allow up to 48 hours for a response. If you have an urgent matter, please email or call the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mat Hutchinson

English	Maths	Science
This half term's literacy work will initially be from a brilliant picture book called "Gorilla." This is a beautifully illustrated book that will take the children on an adventure. Through this text, we will recap many of the year 3 literacy objectives such as paragraphing, use of conjunctions, prepositions and punctuation, as well as introducing many new skills to move our writing forward. Following this, we will base our work around another beautiful book called Leon and the Place Between. This is a magical story of a young boy, who, when assisting a magician at a circus, gets whisked away on an adventure.	This term, we will begin our maths work with place value, looking at the value of digits, rounding and adding 10, 100 and 1000. We will then move on to addition and subtraction before half term. Times tables will be a huge focus this year. The expectation is that year 4 children should know all of their times tables facts by the end of the year. In June, we will be taking part in the national 'Multiplication Tables Check' (MTC) so it is really important that we start preparing for this early! Have a look at the games and activities on https://www.timestables.co.uk/ or practise through TTRockstars to get you started.	We have lots of science to cover this year. During the first term, we will be exploring 'States of Matter'. We will have lots of opportunities for practical activities and in working scientifically. Some of the areas we will cover are solids, liquids and gases, viscosity of liquids and changes in state through the water cycle.
Humanities & DT	Year 4 Autumn Term	French
		The children are lucky this year to not only have one, but two French speaking adults in class! We are looking forward to teaching them all about school in France during our first term.
	2026-2027	Art
		This term our artwork will mostly focus on drawing skills. We will be learning how artists can use art to tell stories, such as through illustrations. We will develop our skills to create our own stories through art.
RE	PE & Forest School	Computing
Our first RE unit this year is about Judaism. During this, we will learn how Jews worship at home and in the synagogue and about different events and festivals they celebrate.	PE this term will take place every Friday. This half term, we will focusing on hockey in our PE sessions, followed by Dance after half term. Forest School is timetabled for every Tuesday, no matter the weather(!), where the children will be building on the skills they'd learnt last year.	During the Autumn term, our work will focus on The Internet. We will learn about networks and how information is shared. We will also explore web pages and learn who owns information, recognising that some websites are more trustworthy than others.

