



Year 4 Transition Booklet 2023-2024

Welcome to Year 4!

Some of the information in this booklet will be new to you, but we hope that a lot of this will sound familiar!

Year 4 staff



Miss Terry



Mrs Hellawell



Mrs Rogers



Miss Wiltshire



Miss Reed



Phase Leader
Mrs Adlam

Staffing

Our Year 4 team this year includes teachers and teaching assistants with a wide range of experiences and specialisms.

Communication

Should a parent wish to speak to their child's class teacher, an appointment should be made via the school office. Please can we remind you that the beginning of the day is a busy time so this would not be convenient. Alternatively, you can send an email to the school office, which will be forwarded on to the class teacher. A curriculum letter will be sent out to parents at the beginning of each big term outlining areas of the curriculum that the children will be covering. This will also include additional information about trips, visits and dates for the diary.

Mornings

The school day starts at 08:40. The children should arrive promptly. Ms Hellawell's children should congregate at the front right-hand side of the school by the library fire exit and the door will be opened at 8:40. Children from Miss Terry's class will need to access the school building via the car park gate and should congregate at the fire exit door straight ahead. The car park will not be accessible to vehicles at this time to ensure the safety of the children.

The register will be taken at 8:50am when we will ask each child whether they are having a packed lunch or a school dinner. School dinners will need to be booked in advance via ParentPay.

End of the Day

The school day ends at 15:20. The children will be dismissed to their adult from the fire exit door for Miss Terry and from the library fire exit door for Mrs Hellawell. If there are any changes to the usual person collecting your child then please let us know in the morning, or ring or email the office staff to let them know during the day.

Break times

Key Stage 2 playtime is from 10:20 until 10:40. We promote healthy eating, so we only allow healthy snacks at break time. This can take the form of fresh fruit or vegetables - preferably no packaging. There are food bins available at break times so the children can dispose of any cores or peelings.

Lunchtimes

Lunchtime is from 12:00 – 13.00. The children will eat their lunch in the hall.

School Equipment & Kit

All stationery will be provided by school. No pencil cases or other equipment from home should be brought in. Additional belongings such as water bottle, lunch, snack etc should be brought to school in a bag/rucksack and this, along with a coat, should be stored in the class cloakroom.

It would be useful for the children to have a book that they are reading in school on a daily basis. The children will also be given the opportunity to borrow books from the school or classroom library.

Parents should ensure that children have the correct school uniform as follows:

- *Black or grey trousers / shorts / pinafore / skirt*
- *A white polo top / shirt*
- *A Cholsey / maroon jumper or cardigan (no hoodies or fleeces please)*
- *Footwear is either trainers or school shoes (trainers can also act as their PE trainers)*

The children should not wear make-up, nail varnish or jewellery (except a watch and stud earrings).

PE

Each class will have PE twice a week – *dates to be sorted by the first week back*. We ask that the children arrive to school wearing their PE kit on their PE day please and they will remain in their kit for the day.

PE kit consists of:

- *A white or house coloured t-shirt*
- *Black or navy shorts / joggers*
- *A school rugby top* (available from 'Make It Mine'). Please note, for health and safety reasons, hoodies or hooded tops are not appropriate.
- Trainers (converse and walking boots are not advisable)

For PE lessons, children will need to have: removed their earrings (or for newly-pierced ears, the children will need to independently cover them with tape sent in from home), tied long hair up and removed any watches including smart watches.

Swimming

We are hoping to be able to offer swimming lessons to all children in Key Stage 2 next academic year and will be in touch with details as soon as we are able to confirm them.

Mobile phones

Children in LKS2 are not permitted to bring mobile phones into school.

Home Learning

Home learning is not compulsory, but parents and pupils should familiarise themselves with the Home Learning page on the school website. The children also have a log-in for Times Table Rock Stars and Spelling Shed which they can access at home.

We would also encourage children to read for pleasure as much as possible. We allow children in Key Stage 2 to choose their own reading books, however, we will always ensure that each child has chosen a book with a suitable level of challenge. We expect all children to be reading independently or to an adult for at least 20 minutes 4 times a week. If there is something specific that we feel your child would benefit from working on at home, we will speak to you individually.

Medication

Any regular medication that needs to be taken during the school day should be given to the class teacher. This will be kept in the classroom. For Asthma inhalers and auto-injectors, please make sure that they are in school, and they are in date. If inhalers are used during the school day the date, time and number of puffs will be recorded. Should your child need a short course of prescribed medication, this will be administered by the school office (and medication should be handed in there). You will need to complete a medical form at the office for any medication which needs to be kept at school.

We look forward to welcoming your child into Year 4.

Regards,

The Year 4 team.