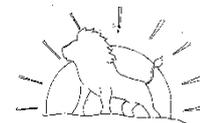


Welcome to Year 4 Information Letter



Welcome to Year 4. We look forward to working with you and your child from September.

The Year 4 teaching staff for September are:

		
Miss Matthey 4RM	Miss Andrews 4A	Miss Leader 4L

The children can enter school from 8.45 - 8.55am.

The school day ends at 3.00pm. Miss Matthey, Miss Andrews and Miss Leader will walk the children to the door and then they will walk out to either meet their adults. The children can either exit via the door by the year 3 classrooms or the door opposite the Busy Bears hut.

PE

In Year 4, we have two PE sessions per week. One session is indoors and the children will need shorts and a t-shirt. The second session is outdoors and the children will need shorts, a t-shirt, jogging bottoms, a jumper and trainers/plimsolls. Long hair must be tied up for PE and no earrings are allowed.



Topic

Our first topic in Year 4 is Brazil, focussing on the Amazon Rainforest. The children will use maps to locate the Amazon River and Rainforest and find information about the layers of the rainforest and the animals that live there.



School Trips

Hopefully, we will be able to visit Colchester Castle in early February 2021 and we will also enjoy a day at Writtle College's Farm to Fork day in May 2021. We hope to be able to invite a "Science of Sound" workshop into school for our science topic of "Sound".



Spelling Shed and Times Tables Rock Stars

Each child will have their own login for Spelling Shed and Times Tables Rock Stars. We use these programmes in school and the children are also able to access them at home. This supports them with their weekly spellings and times table practice.

Year 4 Highlights

Swimming

Usually in year 4, children would be offered the opportunity to attend swimming lesson at Waterside Farm swimming pool. Dependent on current events, we hope this will still go ahead for the spring term.

Homework

In Year 4, we encourage every child to read at least three times a week at home. We reward their commitment to this reading challenge by awarding team points to each of the children who have read at home and recorded it in their reading diary.

Every child is given weekly spellings to learn. We introduce the spellings in school but we also encourage children to practise their weekly spellings at home. This can be done on Spelling Shed.

Weekly spellings are given out on a Monday and a spelling test is completed the following Monday.

Maths homework will be offered by their set teacher, to be handed in whenever complete.

Each half term we will send out ideas for creative homework to be completed and the date to bring it in. This will then be shared with the year group and displayed in the hall for other children in the school to see.

A letter will follow detailing when Homework Club will be for Year 4.

Playground

In Year 4, we use the Key Stage Two playground alongside the children in Year 5. The children have the opportunity to use climbing apparatus, play basketball or play games using the equipment. The children will continue to be encouraged to bring in a healthy snack. Alternatively, snacks can be purchased at the beginning of break time.

Lunchtime

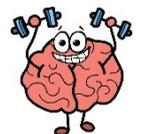
At lunchtime your child will eat in the small hall.

Wellbeing

In Year 4, we value the children's wellbeing and the importance of allowing children the opportunity to relax. We will have weekly relaxation sessions and there will also be a 'Worry Box' for children to anonymously note down any concerns that they may have which can then be discussed in our weekly PSHE sessions. Additionally, we 'Walk a Mile' every week and allow children to discuss any issues that they may have.

Growth Mindset

In Year 4, we encourage the children to have a positive Growth Mindset and this is modelled to the children in every lesson by the adults. It is important for the children to be resilient and understand that we learn from our mistakes.



Visiting
Colchester
Castle.

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Carnival!

Patricia
Brasil Art