



A note from the teacher

Hello everyone and welcome to Year 4! I hope you all had a lovely summer and are ready for the challenges ahead this year. I look forward to teaching the children again and helping them to make lots of progress. If you have any concerns or questions, please get in contact by making an appointment through the school office or via Class Dojo. Let's hope we have a great year! Mrs Kirkwood



PE

Our PE lessons take place on Mondays (**swimming**) and Tuesdays. PE kits should be left in school Monday-Friday to ensure your child has their kit for every session. Please make sure children are fully prepared for indoor or outdoor lessons depending on the weather.

Home learning

Here are some websites and apps you may wish to use at home:

<http://www.resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk>

<http://www.mathsframe.co.uk/>

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2numeracy.html>

Apps

- Mind Over Monster (Grammar)
- My Grammar Lab (Grammar)
- Grammar Jammers Primary (Grammar)
- MiniMod Reading for Details (Reading)
- QuestionBuilder (Reading)
- StoryPals (Reading)
- Spell Board (Spelling)
- Spelling Mastery (Spelling)

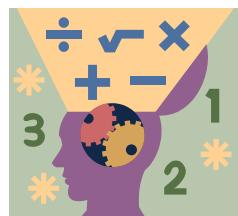
Maths and English homework will usually be set on Fridays and should be returned by the following Friday at the latest. Spelling homework may also be given as part of English.

We are continuing to use Times Tables Rockstars in school and at home to help prepare children for the online multiplication tables check for Y4 pupils. Login details will be sent out again for this. The national curriculum specifies that pupils should be taught to recall the multiplication tables up to and including 12 x 12 by the end of year 4 so please support the children with this.

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Diary dates

- Roald Dahl Day - Friday 13th September
- European Day of Languages - Thursday 26th September
- National Poetry Day - Thursday 3rd October
- Family and Individual Photographs - Wednesday 6th November



Important reminders

Remember to have your Accelerated Reading book in school every day and write a comment/signature in your reading log at least 3 times per week. Dojo points will be given for children who have more than 3 comments in their reading record.

We are continuing to use Class Dojo to reward children, share photos and give updates on class activities. New login details are available for all parents. Please contact Mrs Kirkwood if you have any issues with registering or accessing your account.

This term's topics

This term, most of our learning will be based on the topic 'Why did the Romans march through County Durham?' where the children will have the opportunity to study the history of this period. Also, we will be learning about the geography of Europe, as well as finding out more about electricity and states of matter in science. In English, we are going to be reading *Cool* by Michael Morpurgo and we will be developing our music skills in weekly guitar lessons.