

Welcome to Year 4



Ms Davidson (4D) and Mr Lee (4L)

Mrs Turkington and Mrs Smith

Message from Mr Holland



⌘ Mr Holland's video

Communication with staff



✧ In person:

- ✧ A member of staff will always collect the children in the morning – please let us know if you have any urgent messages.
- ✧ At the end of each day, we will usually be on the playground, so please feel free to talk to us then.

✧ Written:

- ✧ Homework diary or email to admin address.

✧ Any issues:

1. Class teacher
2. Lower KS2 Leader – Stuart Lee
3. Deputy Head – Duncan Holland
4. Head – Hazel West

Opening hours of gates



- ❧ 8:30 opening in morning. Children should not be on premises before then unless at a club.
- ❧ Please talk to us on the playground rather than 'tailgating'.

Smart uniform



- ❖ Hair tied back (boys & girls)
- ❖ Discreet hair band / hair ties
- ❖ Black shoes
- ❖ Thin cotton shirts tucked in (Polo shirts can be out)
- ❖ No nail varnish or writing on hands
- ❖ Discreet stud earrings
- ❖ No other jewellery (watches & Fitbits allowed – no beeping please and taken off for PE)

Children will need ...



- ❖ An old T-shirt or adult shirt for art work.
- ❖ PE kit ... trainers are preferable; track suit is optional for outdoor games in the winter. Surgical tape if earrings can't be removed. Long hair (boys & girls) to be tied back. Note in diary / letter home if regularly not brought.
- ❖ Sun hat in the summer would be welcome.
- ❖ Water bottle
- ❖ Pencil case with coloured pencils – To be stored in their bags for occasional use.
- ❖ Break-time healthy snack – fruit/veg/water – optional.
- ❖ Headphones.

Year 4 Curriculum



- ❖ English focus on spelling, punctuation & grammar.
 - ❖ Some children still having phonics
 - ❖ Spelling words are much harder (e.g. luxurious, coincidence, medicine etc)! Tests (not weekly) to be sent home. Currently testing children!
 - ❖ Spelling is assessed as part of writing in Year 4.
 - ❖ Handwriting – Needs to be joined up.
- ❖ Maths focus on times tables (up to 12 x 12 inc division) & mental maths.
 - ❖ Government test at the end of Year 4. Keyboard skills helpful.
 - ❖ Little, often & fun (songs, You Tube, Hit the Button, reciting etc.)
- ❖ Topics covered this year (see curriculum booklet):
 - ❖ Romans, Anglo Saxons and Vikings
 - ❖ Christianity & Judaism
 - ❖ Study of Rome, settlements, field work (Ufton Nervet) & Sustainability

Homework



English

- ❧ Weekly grammar / reading comprehension, about 20 mins.
- ❧ Set Friday, in Wednesday.
- ❧ Reading 5 times a week (10 mins). Read with an adult at least once a week (signed off in diary)
- ❧ Bring in reading book every day

Spellings

- ❧ Spelling homework grids.
- ❧ Set Thursday, due in Tuesday.
- ❧ Half-termly tests
- ❧ 3 large spelling tests

Maths

- ❧ Starting this week - Set Wednesdays (usually Maths Whizz), about 30 minutes by following Monday.
- ❧ Based on Maths Whizz's assessment of current knowledge.
- ❧ Practise times tables for weekly test (Monday).
- ❧ Telling the time & measuring.

Homework / Reading Diaries

- ❧ House point each week for keeping up-to-date with dates & reading and signed by parent/guardian every Sunday evening, including read to adult session.
- ❧ House point each week for setting up their diary each week – children to do this.
- ❧ Merit at the end of each term if achieved every week.
- ❧ Useful for 2-way information. Please make sure you tell your child if you have put a note in the diary.
- ❧ Children to hand in every Monday to gain house points.
- ❧ Children write name of book (author too would be good) and then just write page number each night – no need to repeat name of book. Comments on child's reading welcomed.

Reading



- ❧ Reading & vocabulary are bedrock to understanding all of the curriculum.
- ❧ Please read regularly with and to your child. If a free-reader, please encourage them to read a range of genres and mixture of fiction & non-fiction.
- ❧ Discuss book and ask questions please – limited time to do this in school.
- ❧ Reading scheme books changed every Monday and Friday. Re-read a book or read a different book if both finished.
- ❧ Reading scheme extended to include 'Dark Blue' (early free readers). Now regularly assessing children to move up levels. Feedback will be given.
- ❧ Library re-opening soon.

Parent Helpers



- ❧ Help is always appreciated – COVID protocols TBC!
- ❧ Any skills/help you can provide (please let your class teacher know).
- ❧ Afternoons please
- ❧ Individual reading (end of any day).
- ❧ Plus One (basic maths skills).
- ❧ Art & DT topic work.
- ❧ Decoration Day TBC.
- ❧ DBS and signed 'Volunteer Form' required if helping in school on a regular basis.
- ❧ Sign up sheet by the exit! Please put afternoons that you're available.

Useful Dates!



- œ Parents' evenings: 13th, 18th and 20th October
- œ Ufton Court:
 - œ Parents' Information presentation to follow soon
 - œ 9th March – 11th March
 - œ 'Show & Tell' evening afterwards TBC

One last thing



☞ Parents of boys – we need your help!

Thank you for coming!



Please email questions to admin@oaklands-jun.wokingham.sch.uk or write a note in homework diary.