



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have loved welcoming everyone into their new classes in Year 4. Let's make this first term an amazing term for learning. This letter will tell you the information that your child will be learning about in class. Further information about their learning can be found on our school website.

Getting Ready to Come to School

Children will need to come to school every day:

- Wearing their school uniform
- With their bookbag and water bottle
- Ready to learn!

Our Learning:

English 	This term in writing our first unit is Strong Start, designed to help us solidify our understanding of writing rules and skills. Our following unit will be poetry. We will be using the text Poems Aloud by Joseph Coelho to support our writing. We will then be writing instructions using the text Building with Lego – Chop, Sizzle, Wow by Ross Montgomery to support our writing. In our last unit we will be writing an alternative ending to a fantasy story. We will be using The Building Boy by Ross Montgomery to support our writing.
Reading 	In Reading this term, we will be focusing on all the reading skills, looking in detail at the vocabulary that has been used in a text and why certain vocabulary was chosen.
Maths 	This term in Maths, we will further develop our knowledge of place value and addition and subtraction.
Science 	In Science our focus is Biology. We will be learning about classifying organisms including plants and animals.
Geography 	In Geography, our topic is Brazil. We will be learning about location and locating countries in South America. We will be learning about the physical and human features of Brazil and Lines of longitude.
Art 	In Art, we will be making a three-dimensional clay Pumpkin, in the style of Yayoi Kusama.
Religion and Worldviews 	In RE, our focus is Philosophy. We will be learning what is meant by 'truth'.
PE 	In PE this half term, pupils develop communication skills, taking on the role of a leader and working within a team. Pupils will develop navigation skills including orientating a map, identifying key symbols and drawing and following a route.
Music 	In music, we will be learning to play trumpet.
Computing 	In Computing, we will be using computing systems and learning about networks and the internet.
PSHE 	In PSHE this term our topic is My Connections. We will be learning about why families and friendships are important, and how to maintain friendly and healthy relationships with those around us.



PE

Below is the day your child will take part in PE.

On this day your child must wear their PE kits to school.

Falcon Class – Thursday

Owl Class – Thursday

Kestrel Class - Thursday

Homework

Each week your child will be expected to complete a range of different homework tasks to help support their learning in school. All homework will be found on our school website under the Year 4 page.

Reading	Please support your child at home in ensuring that they are reading each day independently and to you. They must also have opportunities to listen to an adult read to them.
Learning with Parents	This is a platform we use to record reading at home and in school. Please log all reading done at home on this website.
myON	Each week children are encouraged to log on to myON and read at home. The child who completes the most amount of reading each week will be awarded with a certificate.
Times Table Rockstars	Children are encouraged to practise their times tables weekly on Times Table Rockstars. We have weekly battles between each Year 3 class, can you help your class win?

In class we would love to celebrate the amazing homework children do at home. This means that any time your child completes a piece of homework, send a photo to your class teacher on Class Dojo so it can be celebrated and rewarded. Children will receive Class Dojo points for completing their homework.

Attached to this letter you will find your child's Knowledge Organisers. You can use the information on their Knowledge Organisers to test your child's recall of facts and their understanding of the new vocabulary listed.

If you require any additional information, please contact your child's class teacher on Class Dojo, who will be happy to assist you.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

The Year 4 team