



Year 4 Parents Information Evening Handout

Key members of staff

Nightingales - Mr Torjussen, Mrs Hall (Mon-Wed am), Miss Green (Thurs-Fri am), Mrs Pavitt (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri pm)

Kingfishers - Mr Djadali, Mrs Pavitt (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri am)

Woodpeckers - Mrs Chitson (Mon-Wed), Mrs Sibley (Wed-Fri), Mrs Lintott

Our aims

To equip children with a toolkit of transferable skills to enable them to become learners for life. It is our expectation that the children come into school preparing to 'live' the school values:

- Building resilience
- Inspiring curiosity
- Developing teamwork and independence
- Instilling empathy.

General information

- Children can come into the classroom once the doors open at 8:40am.
- The children are dismissed at 3:15pm and will come to your meeting point. If the children cannot find their adult they will come back to their teacher.
- Children are expected to be in correct uniform at all times.

Equipment

The school will always provide equipment for children, however if parents are able to provide this then it is greatly appreciated. If you are able to provide your child with equipment then it would be useful for them to have a pencil, a BLUE writing pen, a whiteboard pen, a rubber, a ruler, a glue stick and a selection of colouring pencils. These should be named.

Homework passports

Homework passports are sent out at the beginning of a half term. The children should choose **4** activities and complete them at home. They should then bring in evidence to add into their folders (which will be kept at school).

In addition to the Learning Passport, the children are expected to complete a minimum of **4** signed reads per week in their reading diary and to practise their times tables **up to 12x12**. The times tables can be practised using Times Table Rockstars.

Reading diaries are checked on a Friday.



P.E.

Kingfishers - Tuesday and Thursday. Nightingales & Woodpeckers - Monday and Thursday.

In the winter months, P.E. lessons will be outside, so it is worthwhile having a grey tracksuit. Children who do not have their P.E. kit in school will be given one to borrow, if this is available. Please avoid sending your child to school wearing earrings on P.E. days.

Topics

We have planned our learning around themes, which we embed into our learning across the curriculum.

- Autumn 1 - Our Green and Pleasant Land (The UK)
- Autumn 2 - Art Attack (Ancient Art)
- Spring 1 - Transport and Trade
- Spring 2 - Eurovision (Europe)
- Summer - Awesome Architecture

PGL

In Year 4, we go on a residential trip to PGL at Marchants Hill. The dates have been set, the coaches have been booked and we are going on Tuesday 5th May and returning to school on Thursday 7th May 2020.

The price is still to be confirmed but payments will be made in instalments. The cost includes all activities, meals (apart from the first lunch), accommodation, insurance and travel. We will hold a meeting about the trip nearer the time and answer any questions you may have.

Times Tables Test

In the summer term the children will take the new national statutory online times table test. They will be tested on times tables up to 12x12. To support the children we have signed up to Times Table Rockstars, which is a fun online platform to encourage the children to improve their recall speed. As well as the children practising at home, we will build this practise into lesson time.

How can you help?

- Times tables practise (Times Table Rockstars)/telling the time exercises/practical maths including Money.
- Remind the children to read daily.
- Gentle guidance to support independent learning skills. Reminders for homework/P.E. kits/reading diaries.
- Encourage your child(ren) to have a sleep over to prepare for PGL.

Finally, in Year 4, we have an open door policy and are available to speak to before and after school. So come and see us if you have any questions.