

Year 4 Class Information
SPRING 2017

We're Going Back To School

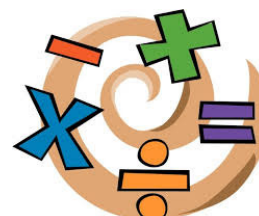


Dear Parent/Carer

I hope your child has enjoyed the Christmas holiday and is ready to tackle the spring term. Please continue to help him/her to remember the following key items:

Items to bring to school:

Monday:	Dinner money and PE kit (athletics)
Tuesday:	PE kit for Elite Gym Squad (<i>if applicable</i>)
Thursday:	Homework (Maths/Literacy)
Friday:	Homework Diaries and Spelling Book



In Maths, we will be concentrating on calculation skills including fraction work. Our Literacy focus will be narrative verse, and the children will be writing their own stories before tackling and presenting explanation texts.

In Science, we will be investigating teeth and the digestive system, before moving on to electricity.



In Art, the children will learn a range of textiles skills and techniques and use these to create a range of interesting items.

Reading: All children should continue to take home their reading book every night. Please continue to sign the Reading Record Book, indicate the pages read, and help your child to remember to bring his/her reading book every day. *The emphasis should be on reading for enjoyment.* Children may also borrow school library books.

Spelling: please help your child to practise for the weekly spelling tests and to practise words which he/she has struggled with in class.



Homework: as before, a small amount of Maths and Literacy homework will normally be set each Friday, for return by the following Thursday. Additional, adhoc pieces of homework may also be set.

PLEASE NOTE:

Your child will be recording details of his/her homework in a Homework Diary. In addition, details are recorded on our class chalkboard, so your child will always know where to look if a diary should become lost. **If a child is struggling with homework, he or she can ask for help at any time before the due date.** *Please note that homework is not intended as a guide for tutors.*

Times tables: Tables will be tested daily, as part of our "Mad Minute" challenge. Please encourage your child to practise as often as possible. Most children should now be fluent with the 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 times tables. *We will be concentrating on work involving the 7 and 9 times tables this term. Please note that application of times tables knowledge is integral to all our Maths work. It is vital that your child secures this learning through regular practise and support at home.*

PE: the children will be participating in indoor athletics and invasion games this term. Children will need to have their PE kit (including pumps) in school on Mondays.

General: Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school (no juice).

Please help us to help your child: it is really important for children in Year 4 to develop both independence and organisational skills. With this in mind, *please try to encourage your child to remember his/her own belongings, equipment and homework.*

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With many thanks

Mrs Cooper
January 2017

