

Welcome to Year 4

Mrs Hardy & Mrs Hazzard
(Sea Otters)

Mr Bryant
(Penguins)



Year 4 Team

In Year 4 we have two Teaching Assistants (Miss Pattenden & Mrs Dummer) who will work within class daily. Mrs Butcher will be working as a 1:1 in Sea Otters.

On Wednesday Afternoons, Mrs Castle will be joining Mrs Hazzard in Penguins to teach during Mr Bryant's PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) time.

Mr Bryant



Mrs Hardy



Mrs Hazzard



Miss Pattenden



Mrs Castle



Mrs Dummer



Mrs Butcher



Year 4 Parents Greeting

- Covid Update
- Topics
- Homework
- Spellings
- Times Tables
- Behaviour
- PE/Uniform
- Reading
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- Questions/Parent Helpers



Covid Update

- Hand washing/sanitize regularly
- Personal hygiene taught and encouraged
- No longer sat in rows, children can now sit at tables and in groups
- Rotating break and lunch times- but children are allowed to play with other year groups



Topics

- Autumn: Ancient Greece
- Spring: Around the World
- Summer: Anglo Saxons, Scots and Vikings



Homework

- Complete one challenge per term from the Curriculum Newsletter
- Read 5 times a week, take an Accelerated Reader test after finishing each book, write in your reading record every time you read
- Practise your spelling patterns (information sheets to be sent home weekly from school). There will be a test each half term on the spelling patterns we have taught in school
- Practise and revise your Times Tables ready for the test in the Summer term (children will be tested every Friday on the tables they are currently learning)

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YEAR 4 Homework Challenges Autumn 2021

English

It is great to practise your writing at home whenever you can. Why not keep a diary? You could write a short diary entry at the end of each day. You could also read about Greek gods and goddesses and make a fact file about some of them or put them into your own story.

History/Geography

Pupils can extend their knowledge of Ancient Greece by conducting their own research. Can you create a map of Ancient Greece and label it with the place names? Can you research some famous battles and mark their location on your map?

Art

Can you create your own picture in the style of Monet's painting? Can you research Claude Monet's life and work? Can you find out about other Impressionist artists e.g. Renoir, Manet or Degas?

Music

Why not make a musical instrument at home? Look at this website for inspiration:
<https://artscraftsymom.com/diy-musical-instruments-for-kids-to-make-and-play/>

PE

Create a training programme that measures your body's response to exercise. Can you see an improvement in your strength or stamina? Can you record your results and observe what happens over time? Why not try to teach someone else your training programme or upload it to your class DOJO page for your teacher to try?

Design and technology

Why don't you have a go at baking or cooking at home. Remember to ask for adult supervision and to practise all the hygiene and safety rules we teach in class. Can you make something and document it with photographs or write a recipe for others to try to have a go?

ANCIENT GREECE



Photo gallery

If you take a picture or video of your work, you can upload it onto your class DOJO page. Alternatively, bring it into class by Friday 3rd December so that we can create a display.

Your teachers would love to see your creations and will award DOJOs for your hard work!

Computing

Pupils can extend their knowledge if they have access to a computer at home by using Search Engines such as Google or Yahoo to research current topics they are learning about. Why not create a topic powerpoint about Ancient Greece?

PSHE

Why not make a poster showing everything you need to do to be a good friend to someone else? You could even write it as a recipe! Remember to include the important 'ingredients' that make a good friend.

Science

Pupils can extend their knowledge by creating mini habitats at home, for example by making a bug hotel, bucket pond or bird feeder. They could create a diorama of a different habitat using a shoebox, make a poster showing the parts of a the human digestive system or make a 3D model.

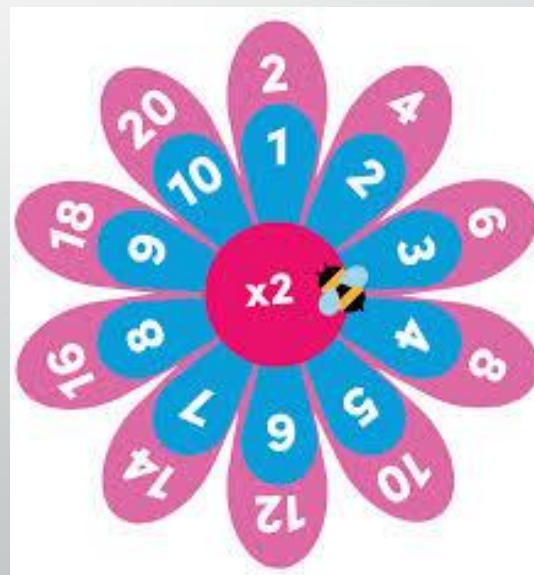
Spellings

- Children should practise their spellings patterns at home.
- This should include the 3/4 spelling word list which children should know how to spell by the end of Year 4
- A new spelling pattern information sheet will be sent home each week



Times tables

- Children should practise their times tables at home
- Times tables are tested weekly
- In Summer, Year 4 sits a national times tables test on a computer
- It gives 6 seconds only per question
- It tests up to 12 x tables
- Purple Mash, Education City and many other free online websites have games to help them learn their tables

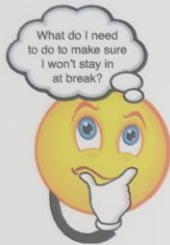


Behaviour



- House points
- ClassDojo
 - Personal rewards
 - Class rewards
- 1-2-3 Warnings
- Time off playtime
- Behaviour Slip
- Involving parents

What happens when I don't make positive choices?

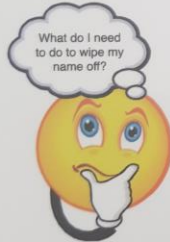


Warning 1

Reminder. Name on the board - consequence. Make a positive choice next.

Warning 2

Reminder. Cross added to name on board. Consequence. Make a good choice.



Warning 3

Reminder. Behaviour slip. Stay in at lunch or break. Time to reflect on choices.



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STAY IN AT BREAK/LUNCH

Time to reflect on choices

Our School Rules

Be Thoughtful

Be Caring

Be Hard Working

Be a Good Friend

Be a Good Listener

Be Helpful

Be Polite

Be Honest

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PE and Uniform

Both classes have Dance and Gymnastics with Vanessa on Wednesday

- Sea Otters: Thursday outdoor PE
- Penguins: Monday outdoor PE
- Children should wear their PE kit on their allocated PE days
- Logo t-shirt or plain white t-shirts (in colder months plain navy or black tracksuit tops or jumpers)
- Plain navy or black shorts or in colder months tracksuit bottoms
- Trainers (appropriate footwear in the winter)
- Hair tied back, **earrings taken out**, nails short no watches or Fitbits



Reading

- Children read regularly at school. They should aim to read at home 5 times a week for at least 10-15 minutes in KS2.
- Please write (or ask children to write) in their reading records and ensure they are brought to school everyday.
- Reading Record books will be checked every Friday, with Class teachers awarding Dojos for 5 or more appropriate comments. They can use their bookmarks to help do this.
- Please sign Reading Records to acknowledge your child's reading.
- Age appropriate books from home are welcomed.
- AR quizzes should be completed after each book



Changing book

- Children are welcome to change their books when they have finished their last book
- Children must make sure they have completed a quiz before changing book
- Quizzes can be completed at home or in school during morning and afternoon register times
- We have a weekly time slot to use the library and spend time enjoying this wonderful new resource



Trip Opportunities

Overnight camping experience
on the field!

Summer 2022!



Contact



- Please do not email with something that needs attention on that day – we may not check our emails during school hours. If it is urgent, please contact the school office
- You can find class email addresses on the website
- You can make an appointment to see us through the office or via a note
- We will be updating class DOJO stories once a week with a description about what your child's class has been up to!

Parent Helpers

We are now able to have parent helpers come into school. You will need a DBS check completed prior to working in school. Please contact the office to complete this.

Do you have
any
Questions?

