

Who's Who in Year 4

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Swimming and PE lessons:



Swimming: Swimming will be on Wednesdays in Terms 1, 2 & 3 for 4B & 4G and for 4R & 4Y in Terms 4, 5 and 6.

Your child will need a swimsuit, hat and towel for the Wednesday session. If your child wears earrings can we ask that they refrain from wearing them on swim days.

PE lessons: PE lessons for 4B, 4G, 4Y will take place Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, depending on the time of year. For 4R it will be Monday, Wednesday or Friday. Please make sure children have their kits with them on these three days.



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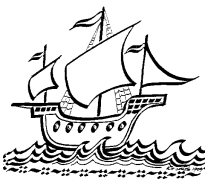


Year 4 Newsletter

Terms 1 and 2

This booklet gives a quick resume of some of the things which are happening in Year 4. Further details will be sent out in due course. Here's a snapshot of what you can expect over the next two terms:

Date	Event
22/9/14	Prayer reflection sessions: Parents invited to visit the Prayer Space between 3-3:45 pm Mon-Thurs or 1:15-3:15pm Fri
26/9/14	Individual pupil photography session
w/b 13/10/14	Design Technology activities - using circuits.
17/10/14	Parents in to see work, 2:30 pm.
20/10/14	Start of parent consultation week: School closes on Monday 20th at 1:15 pm.
24/10/14	Display of Year 4 topic work in hall 2.30. End of term. School finishes at 3.15 pm. Upton ship ASC on until 6:15 pm
3/11/14	Staff training day: school closed to all pupils
4/11/14	Start of Term 2: school open at 7:50 am for Breakfast Club Attendees and 8:40 am for the rest of the school
12/11/14	Year 4 Parent Lunches—Letters out shortly
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17/11/14	Start of anti-bullying week.
4/12/14	Upton Open Day for Admissions 2015—10:30 am- 1:30 pm - 6:00 pm
5/12/14	Christmas Fair—1:30 pm
8/12/14	Year 4 Christmas assembly this week. Date TBA.
9/12/14	Jack and the Beanstalk pantomime.
15/12/14	Christmas party week.
16/12/14	Christmas dinner—Sign-up letter out in November
19/12/14	Christmas celebration - Holy Trinity Church
19/12/14	End of Term: School closes at 2:15 pm—Upton Ship ASC on until 6:15 pm
5/1/15	Start of Term 3: school open at 7:50 am for Breakfast Club Attendees and 8:40 am for the rest of the school

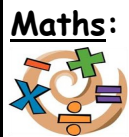


Year 4 Topics



English: We will continue to follow the 'text-based curriculum' designed around children reading a text over 4 weeks. The authors in Terms 1 & 2 include Roald Dahl and Michael Morpurgo. The term begins by examining black history, focussing on a book about the life of Jessie Owens. The 'Read, Write Inc.' programme will be followed by children who need extra grounding in reading, writing and phonics.

Within the 'text-based curriculum' key skills of spelling, grammar, writing, reading, vocabulary building and speaking and listening will be taught.



Maths: We will be following the new maths curriculum which is organised into 7 concept areas. The children are in learning groups according to their needs and rate of progress. A target map showing key areas of learning will be sent home for your information. Homework is set using MyMaths, an online program, and weekly tables. Expectation of tables to be known in each year group has increased with the new curriculum. Children in Year 4 should now aim to know all their tables up to 12x12. Keep working on helping your child learn their tables forwards, backwards and in random order, along with quick-fire mental arithmetic calculations.

Topic Work: This year sees the introduction of the IPC (International Primary Curriculum) at Upton. Foundation subjects such as History, Geography and Science will be taught and linked through different topics, so it will be an exciting year ahead. Year 4 topics for term 1 and 2 include BRAINWAVE—finding out how we can become better learners, BRIGHT SPARKS - electricity, circuits and magnets, ACTIVE PLANET - earthquakes, volcanoes, water cycle and solids, liquids and gases. CHRISTMAS—lots of art and craft going on for this topic.



ICT: Mr Jackson will be teaching computer skills to the children on a Wednesday afternoon. 4B, 4G terms 4, 5, 6 and 4R, 4Y in Terms 1, 2 and 3. The children will start to write their own 'algorithms' to program online models. They'll use a coding language to produce an interactive quiz and animations. In the classroom the children will develop their digital literacy skills and e-Safety understanding.



Design and Technology: Our Design and Technology task will be to design and make a model which incorporates a circuit.



R.E: The whole school meets every day for collective worship, except for Tuesday where the pupils meet in houses. In class we will be looking at Judaism and Christianity.

At Christmas, parents will be invited to a performance by Year 4 with a Christmas theme.



Homework Tasks and Supporting your child at home:

- ♦ Homework is set by the learning group teacher.
- ♦ **READING:** Regular reading each week even if it's just for ten minutes per day.
- ♦ **SPELLINGS** are set each week.
- ♦ **English...** Creative writing task (in homework books) 2 weeks to complete
- ♦ **MATHS:** times tables and MyMaths or written homework is set each week.

♦ **General MyMaths Upton login:** uptonjs password north

How parents may help: Help your child to develop learning skills and independence by guiding them into a routine for doing homework and being organised at school. Please make sure your child comes to school with the necessary books and equipment. Help your child to learn spellings and tables and encourage them to read a variety of texts as well as reading to you, record in their reading record book when they have done so.

Uniform: In order that we can return missing items when found, please make sure your child's uniform is correctly labelled with name and current class.