

Who's Who in Year 4

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PE lessons:

PE lessons fall on Wednesdays for the whole year group. Classes B's & G's have an additional PE lesson on a Thursday and Classes R's & Y's have their additional PE lesson on a Friday. Please make sure your child brings a full kit to school. Make sure all the kit is labelled including the trainers or plimsolls. As the winter weather continues and temperatures drop, please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing for outside PE so that they can be warm and comfortable. Tracksuits and / or the Upton 'hoodie' can be worn. As the saying goes, "There is no such thing as inappropriate weather, only inappropriate clothing."



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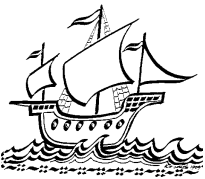
Year 4 Newsletter

Terms 3 and 4

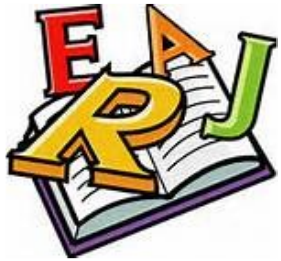
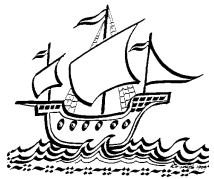
- The Year 4 team would like to wish everybody a very Happy New Year and thank you for encouraging and supporting your children as they progress through the year.
- This booklet gives a quick resume of our teaching and learning programme during the next two terms. There are lots of exciting events happening across Terms 3 and 4. Here's a snapshot of what you can expect over the next two terms:

Thank You!

Date	Event
16/1/15	Year 4 Poetry Recital
19/1/15	Mid-year assessments in maths and English.
23/1/15	UPTFA Quiz Night—6:30 pm
29/1/15	4B Class Assembly
30/1/15	Year 4 Egyptian Day: Please see letter sent 12.1.15
30/1/15	New Year's Resolution forms back to Mrs Lewis
6/2/15	Pupil Forum: Form Captains to meet Governors
6/2/15	Governors Clinic—2:30 pm-Parents invited to meet with Governors
DATE TBC	Year 4 Trip to The Natural History Museum and The British Museum
13/2/15	End of Term 3: School finishes at 3:15 pm. Upton Ship Afterschool Club is on until 6:15 pm
23/2/15	INSET Day: School closed to all pupils
24/2/15	Start of Term 4: School opens at 7:50 am for breakfast club attendees and 8:40 am for the rest of the school
11/3/15	Year 4 parents invited in for lunch. Sign up letter available now from school website or foyer.
12/3/15	Year 4 parents invited in for lunch. Sign up letter available now from school website or foyer.
13/3/15	Comic Relief: More details to follow
23/3/15	Spring Assessment Week
Week beg: 23/3/15	Easter Week
1/4/15	End of Term 4: School finishes at 2:15 pm. Upton Ship Afterschool Club is on until 6:15 pm
20/4/15	INSET Day: School closed to all pupils
21/4/15	Start of Term 5: School open at 7:50 am for breakfast club attendees and 8:40 am for the rest of the school.



Year 4 Topics



English: Following the text-based curriculum, English will be taught in learning groups as usual. The texts the children will be using are set according to their learning groups and are as follows:

Learning Groups 1 & 2: Gangsta Granny, Archie's War and Polar Lands.

Learning Groups 3 & 4: The Hundred Mile Dog, Archie's War and Men in Tudor Times.

Learning Group 5: Read, Write Inc programme alternating with groups 3 & 4 text-based curriculum texts.

We have embarked on a two-week poetry unit in English and the children have all been asked to learn by heart and perform a poem on Friday 16th January. We have all been looking forward to the poetry recital.

Maths: We are following the Revised National Numeracy Strategy which organises objectives into units of work. The children are in learning groups according to their needs and rate of progress. Homework is set in these groups along with tables.

Any work you would like to do with your child at home could involve:-

1. Learning tables by heart so that the children develop the ability to recall these facts instantly.
2. Playing a game with cards or dice.
3. Investigating number patterns.
4. Shopping and pocket money problems.
5. Use 'MyMaths' site (information in homework folders or diaries).



IPC Topics

Term 3 has got off to a great start with the introduction of our topic Temples, Tombs and Treasures. We are learning about life in Ancient Egypt and the children have already acted as archaeologists by collecting and piecing together photographs of Egyptian artefacts for our Entry Point. We have the Egyptian Dress-up Day on Friday 30th January to look forward to. More information about Egyptian Day can be found on our school website under 'Year 4 Letters'.



Computing: In Computing this term we are going to focus on 'developing the use of a virtual learning environment.' With the virtual learning environment, the children will be able to save and share their work. This will also link to the new tablets we are currently deploying around the school.



Music: Music lessons are led by Mr Langridge. Year 4 will focus on learning to play the ukulele.

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



Homework Tasks and Supporting your child at home:



The computer suite is open from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm every day for parents and children to complete homework.

Library lunchtime open days for pupils: Year 4 pupils can access the Library on Tuesdays and Fridays.

- ♦ 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 on a Monday.
- ♦ The site 'MyMaths.co.uk' is subscribed to by the school. Homework is set using the site, your child needs their login, which is stuck in the homework folder or book. MyMaths homework is set weekly for learning groups 1 & 2 and for learning groups 3, 4 & 5 the homework is set termly.
- ♦ The times table focus are as follows:
 - ♦ **LG 1 & 2:** 1-12 **LG 3:** 7-12 **LG 4:** 6-8
 - ♦ **LG 5:** Revising 2, 5 & 10 plus learning 3 & 4 times tables
- ♦ Key subject areas to be studied will be found in their homework folders.
- ♦ **General Upton My Maths login:** uptonjs new password: north



Useful websites:

www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2
www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents