

Who's Who in Year 4

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Year 4 Teaching Assistants: Mr Brown, Mrs Mullin and Mrs Neal. **Senior TA:** Mrs A Laffey



PE lessons:

PE lessons: PE lessons for all classes will take place Wednesday, with 4R and 4G having hall time also on a Friday until the end of term 3. Please make sure children have their kits with them on these days.

Please make sure all the kit is labelled including the trainers or plimsolls.

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 plus sun-caps if sunny. As the saying goes, "There is no such thing as inappropriate weather, only inappropriate clothing."



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Year 4 Newsletter

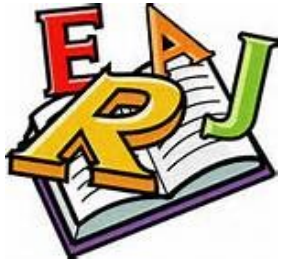
Terms 1 and 2

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 |
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| 21/9/15 | Prayer reflection sessions: Parents invited to visit the Prayer Space between 3-3:45 pm Mon-Thurs or 2:30-3:15pm Fri |
| 5/10/15 | Parents meeting: effective marking—9am, 2:15 pm or 6 pm |
| 7/10/15 | Kingswood residential trip deposit due by today |
| 8/10/15 | 4R Class Assembly—9 am |
| 16/10/15 | Pupil Forum: Governors to meet with Form Captains |
| 16/10/15 | Parents invited to view work—2:30 pm |
| 19-21/10/15 | Parent consultations— School closes on Monday 19th at 1:15 pm. Upton ship ASC on until 6:15 pm |
| 21/10/15 | Harvest Festival |
| 23/10/15 | End of term. School finishes at 3.15 pm. Upton ship ASC on until 6:15 pm |
| 2/11/15 | Staff training day: school closed to all pupils |
| 3/11/15 | Start of term 2: school open at 7:50 am for Breakfast Club Attendees and 8:40 am for the rest of the school |
| 11/11/15 | Year 4 parents lunch—12:15 pm: Letters out shortly |
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| 16/11/15 | Start of Anti-Bullying week. |
| 2/12/15 | Upton Open Day for Admissions 2016 -10:00 am - 1:30 pm - 6:00 pm |
| 4/12/15 | Christmas Fair—1:30 pm |
| 7-11/12/15 | Year 4 Christmas assembly this week. Date TBC. |
| 8/12/15 | Travelling pantomime in school—Mother Goose |
| 14-18/12/15 | Christmas party week. Date TBC |
| 15/12/15 | Year 4 Christmas dinner: letters out in November |
| 18/12/15 | Christmas celebration - Holy Trinity Church |
| 18/12/15 | End of Term: School closes at 2:15 pm. Upton ship ASC on until 6:15 pm |
| 4/1/16 | 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. 4R, 4Y in Terms 1, 2 and 3 and 4B, 4G in terms 4, 5, 6. 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 day even if it's just for ten minutes.
- ♦ **SPELLINGS** are set each week.
- ♦ **English...Creative writing task** (in homework books) 2 weeks

to complete

♦ **MATHS:** 1 piece of MyMaths homework to be completed on a fortnightly basis. Written homework may be set instead. Tables to learn sent home in a grid—tested weekly.

♦ **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.