

# Who's Who in Year 4

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## Year 4 Teaching Assistants:

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**Learning Mentor:** Mrs Turner



## PE & Swimming Lessons:

PE lessons for all classes will take place on alternate Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please make sure your child brings a full kit to school and it is advisable to leave PE kit in 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."

Swimming takes place on a Wednesday in Term 3 for 4B & 4G. In Term 4 4R & 4Y will go swimming.



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# Year 4 Newsletter

Terms 3 and 4

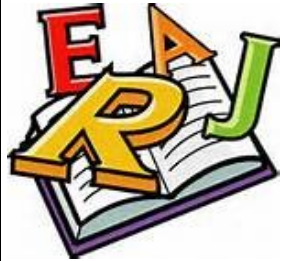
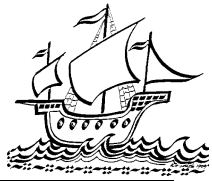
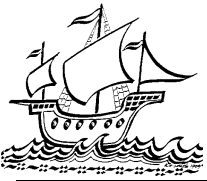
The Year 4 Team would like to wish everybody a very Happy New Year and thank you for encouraging and supporting your children as they progress through the year. This booklet gives a quick resume of some of the things which are happening in Year 4. Further details will be sent out in due course.

**Thank You!**

Here's a snapshot of what you can expect over the next two terms:

Date	Event
16/1/17	Meeting about residential trip to Kingswood at 2:30pm in the hall.
20/1/17	Pupil forum: form captains to meet with governors
20/1/17	Governors Clinic: Parents invited to meet the Governors: 2:30pm
27/1/17	New Year resolution forms to be returned to Miss Arthur
2/2/17	4B assembly—parents invited: 9:00am
30/1/17	Viking Academy Trust AGM: 6:00 pm
3/2/17	Lower School disco—5:30-6:45pm
9/2/17	Egyptian day
9/2/17	End of Term 3: School finishes at 3:15pm. Upton Ship Afterschool Club is on until 6:15pm
10/2/17	INSET Day: School closed to all pupils
20/2/17	Start of Term 4: School opens at 7:45am for breakfast club attendees and 8:40am for the rest of the school
8/3/17	Year 4 parents invited in for lunch. Sign up letter available now from school website or foyer.
9/3/17	Year 4 parents invited in for lunch. Sign up letter available now from school website or foyer.
23/3/17	4Y assembly—parents invited: 9:00am
31/3/17	End of Term 4: School finishes at 2:15pm
19/4/17	Start of Term 5: School opens at 7:45am for breakfast club attendees and 8:40am 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 term begins with a 2 week unit examining poetry, focussing on The Utterly Brilliant Poetry Anthology. The 'Read, Write Inc.' programme will be followed by children who need extra grounding in reading, writing and phonics.

During Terms 3 & 4 we will be reading;

**Term 3:** The Utterly Brilliant Poetry Anthology  
Gangsta Granny  
The Hundred Mile Dog

**Term 4:** Archie's War

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. 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:** At Upton we are continuing to follow the IPC (International Primary Curriculum). 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 3 and 4 include TEMPLES, TOMBS AND TREASURES – finding out about the Ancient Egyptians and LAND, SEA AND SKY - living things, food chains, the water cycle and the environment.



**Computing Skills:** This term develops the children's use of presentation software, PowerPoint. The first three lessons, teach children new skills; setting the theme, slide transitions, animating objects onto the slide, creating hyperlinks in the action settings. During the next lessons, they produce presentations.

**Design and Technology:** Our Design and Technology task will be to design and make an Egyptian mask. On Egyptian day, children will also work with clay to create their own cartouche.

**R.E:** The themes in RE are: The Parables in Term 3 and The Easter Story in Term 4



## 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.
- ♦ **MATHS:** The site 'MyMaths.co.uk' is subscribed to by the school. Homework is on it for Year 4 in their group. Homework tasks will be in line with what the children are learning in class. A letter regarding written times table homework will also be issued in due course.
- ♦ 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. A reminder too that black shoes should be worn, no jewellery, except for stud earrings or small sleepers and no nail varnish, please.

## Useful Websites:

[www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk](http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk) [www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2)  
[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents)