



Year Group 4 Information

Spring 1 2024

Classes: Magnolia and Walnut

PE Timetable	
PE will usually take place on these days but timetables do occasionally need to change so pupils should always have PE kit in school.	
Magnolia Class	Thursday (indoor) Friday (outdoor)
Walnut Class	Thursday (indoor) Friday (outdoor)

Homework	
Reading	<p>Children are expected to read at least five times a week.</p> <p>As the children become more adept at decoding, time with the adult reading with them can then focus on questioning, exploring themes, understanding inferences and word choices the author had made.</p> <p>'Book talk' in class focuses on word meaning, retrieval of information, sequencing, inference, making predictions, relationships, word choice and comparisons.</p> <p>Please record and sign all instances of reading that take place at home in their MBLS Reading Record.</p>

Spelling	<p>Children will be allocated spellings each week to learn for a spelling check the following week. They will have spellings in their spelling books. The spellings are also listed online on Spelling Frame (the children have a login in their Reading Record book).</p> <p>It's good practise in Year 4 for the children to take responsibility for learning their own spellings. The children can use the read, cover, write, check process as well as accessing Spelling Frame. The children have an opportunity to use Spelling Frame once a week in school.</p>
Maths	<p>Children are expected to access 'Times Table Rock Stars' (TTRS) online which provides very valuable practise for their end of year national Multiplication Check. The children can access TTRS as often as they like.</p> <p>'Hit the Button' is another site which offers valuable practise of number bonds, times tables, and their corresponding division facts. The children need to be as fluent in recalling their number facts as possible so we encourage plenty of out of school practise on these sites.</p>
Learning Log	<p>Children are to complete a chosen activity from the year group Learning Log once per half term. This will be a project that uses a range of core skills and explores the wider curriculum.</p> <p>The activities children can choose from will be linked to their learning theme for the next half term or a significant current event. Children can use their homework book to show research, ideas, recording and present final pieces of work for their chosen activity. Children should complete the activity by the deadline outlined on the Learning Log and will be rewarded for effort made, creativity and presentation.</p>
Writing	<p>In Year 4 the children can be awarded a pen-pass. This means they can write in pen. To help enable the children to earn a pen pass regular cursive handwriting at home would be beneficial.</p>

This half term we are learning about

This term our topics include History, Design Technology and Science. In History we will be exploring and examining the impact of WW2 on local lives and making connections to the experiences of child refugees today. To further the children's understanding of the pivotal role their local area played in the war, we are visiting Bletchley Park-the home of the code breakers.

In DT we will be looking at food technology where there will be design brief for creating their own pizza. The children be designing, cooking and evaluating their pizza. There will be an opportunity for the children's grown-ups to come into school and share the evaluation process.

In Science we will be looking at the human digestive system and investigating tooth decay. We will also be looking at where animals fit into a food chain and then helping the children understand the impact of food chains disappearing through human intervention.

Suggested reading list for Year 4

There are many more fabulous reading ideas listed here <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/reading-lists-for-ks1-school-pupils/> if you need more ideas.

- The Wonder Brother by Frank Cottrell Boyce
- Onyeka and the Academy of The Sun by Tola Okogwu
- The Curio Collectors by Eloise Williams
- There's a Werewolf in my Tent by Pamela Butchart
- Operation Gadget Man by Malorie Blackman
- Lizzie Dripping by Helen Cresswell
- The Falcon's Malteser by Anthony Horowitz