



Old Earth Primary

An information leaflet for parents about

Year 4



Welcome to Year 4

This booklet is intended to give families an overview of the Year 4 timetable and routines and other information specific to Year 4. Your child will need your support to familiarise themselves with the new routines in September, so please read this booklet together.

Teaching Staff

If you wish to discuss anything or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Year 4 Teachers:
Mrs Freeman and Mr Calderwood

In Year 4 we are also very lucky to have the following teaching assistants who will also work alongside your children and will be happy to help with any questions you may have: **Mrs Midgley and Mrs Kahl**
We look forward to working with you and your child over the coming year.

Routine



School starts at 8:45am
Morning break is 10.30am – 10.45am
Lunchtime is from 12:15pm – 1:00pm
School finishes at 3.15pm

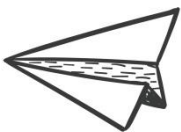


Dress Code

A reminder that only a watch and stud earrings may be worn for school— this is for the safety of all children and **must** be removed for PE. We also ask that all children come to school wearing school shoes. Please ensure that all of your child's uniform, including their coat, is clearly named. Please could you also ensure that long hair is tied up in a bobble (any bows etc must be in school colours and not oversized)

Please also ensure your child has a school book bag or **small** rucksack as big bags will not fit in our lockers.

Holidays in Term Time



We endeavour to stay open at all times because we want to make everyday count. We can authorise absence for some circumstances, but we cannot authorise absence for holidays. A form (which can be found on our website or the entrance hall) needs to be completed for any requests. It is parents' duty to have their child attending school and fines may be issued.

Communication

If your child is unable to come to school, please call the school office and leave a message. If your child is not in school and we don't receive a call/message our admin staff will call you to find out if your child is safe.



Our school newsletter is sent weekly and it is important that all families read about any important dates, notices and other information. The newsletter can also be found on our school website. Each year group also has a Twitter account and this is a great way to keep up to date with what is happening in your child's class. Our Twitter account is @OldEarthYear4. You may also want to follow our school Twitter feed which is @OldEarthSchool.

Homework

In Year 4 all homework set supports the learning taking place in class. Please ensure all homework is completed and handed in on time as late homework will not be marked. Homework will be set via Purple Mash, Education City or Ed Shed – your children will have their log-in details. We may set homework projects which will be fun activities based on their topic learning.



Spelling homework – set on Mondays handed in by Friday.

Maths homework – set on Mondays handed in by Friday.

Reading – Please read daily with your child and record in their Reading Record



Our aim is to leave your weekends free for family time.

Parents' Evening

There will be three opportunities throughout the year for formal and informal meetings. Parents and teachers will be able to discuss pastoral and academic progress and targets will be shared. In addition, an annual written report will be sent home in the final half-term.



Curriculum

Autumn Term: Romans, Rivers, Animals including humans and Electricity

Spring Term: Ancient Greece, Rainforests, States of Matter and Sound

Summer Term: Local Study, The Amazon, Living Things and Habitats



Note, however that these may sometimes change due to world events.

Reading

We will be continuing with Accelerated Reading in Year 4. Please encourage your child to read as often as possible, a range of genres (non-fiction, fiction, play scripts, newspapers etc). Please ensure your child's reading book and record are in school **every day** so we can hear your child read as often as possible. Children will also have a reading for pleasure book.

When children are reading, it is important that you focus on their comprehension of the text read. Please ask them lots of questions. Do they know the meaning of certain words? Can they describe how characters are feeling? Can they find evidence in the text?



Handwriting



In Year 4 there will be a formal lesson to teach the correct letter formation and additional support where needed. We encourage and reward best handwriting in all work.

Maths



In Year 4 we have a big push on learning our times tables and we would appreciate parent support with this in preparation for the Year 4 National Times Tables Test which will take place in June.

Spellings

Children need to be secure with the high frequency words from R, Y1 and Y2 so please keep revising these. The spellings your children will be working on are the statutory word lists for Year3/4, the Y4 high frequency words as well as set spelling patterns. These are the words all children need to be able to spell before moving up into Year 5. A copy of all the required spellings will be sent home to you. We use Ed Shed to support our learning in spelling – your child has their own log in details. All children will keep a spelling journal to use in spelling time. We are trying to expose the children as much as possible to these words, so spelling isn't a barrier to progression in literacy.



Swimming



Year 4 children will be swimming every Thursday. Children will need to wear a swimming costume or trunks, not baggy shorts and bring a towel. Please ensure long hair is tied back and earrings removed. Children can bring their own goggles. Please let your class teacher know if your child is not swimming and the reason for missing their lesson.

Being Healthy

A healthy snack is available at most break times, although children may bring their own.

Children should all bring a water bottle to school each day.



PE

PE will take place on a Friday when an outdoor focus or Mondays when an indoor focus. The first half term will be an outdoor focus as well as Swimming on a Thursday.



PE kit: house t-shirt, plain black track-suit bottoms or shorts, school sweatshirt and trainers. Please ensure your child has removed their stud earrings and has socks for outdoor PE. Please also check that all clothes are named.

Residential

Our residential trip to Ingleton takes place in June. This will be for 2 nights. There will be a letter sent out near the start of the year with all the key information you will need.

