

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome to you all in Hawthorn Class!

Firstly, please ensure all school uniform, especially jumpers and PE kit, are clearly named. This helps us to return items quickly if they get misplaced. You will need to provide your child with a break time snack, consisting of a fruit/vegetable and/or a small sandwich which should be in a named container. Please provide water in a named reusable water bottle for a drink throughout the day.

English



We begin the year with a fiction story 'Lost or Stolen' by Narinder Dhami about a dilemma and our non-fiction unit, 'Gadget Magic' is an information text.

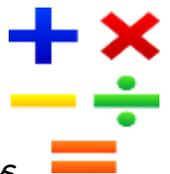
Our reading for enjoyment book for this half term is the 'The BFG' by Roald Dahl and we will follow with 'Kasper Prince of Cats' by Michael Morpurgo after half term. For further guidance on Year 4 expectations in English, please refer to the 'Year 4 Pack' on the school website:

<https://www.tatworth.somerset.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Year-4-Pack-1.pdf>

Maths

This term, our focus within maths will be:

- understanding the value of each digit in numbers up to 10,000
- comparing and ordering numbers
- rounding and estimating numbers
- calculating using addition and subtraction
- consolidation and quick recall of the 2, 5, 10, 3, 4, 8 times tables and division facts
- learning and using the 6, 7, 9, 11, 12 times tables and division facts
- using the four operations to answer word problems.
- convert between different units of measure focusing on length
- measure and calculate the perimeter of a rectilinear figure (including squares) in centimetres and metres
- find the area of rectilinear shapes by counting squares



For further guidance please click the links below to access our School Calculation Policy:

- Addition [Tatworth-ADDITION.pdf](#)
- Subtraction [Tatworth-SUBTRACTION.pdf](#)
- Multiplication [Tatworth-MULTIPLICATION.pdf](#)
- Division [Tatworth-DIVISION.pdf](#)

Science

Mrs Bayley will teach Science every Thursday morning. This half term we are studying Biology and Chemistry, starting by looking at how living organisms are grouped and classified. Then we will be investigating states of matter in Chemistry. After half term our lessons will be Physics and experimenting with sound.

PSHE

This half term we will be concentrating on 'Me and My Relationships'. During this unit we will discuss and explore emotions and feelings, bullying (such as discussing examples of how we can help someone who is upset or being bullied) and explain what being 'assertive' means.

Foundation Subjects

Our History focus for this half term is The Bronze and Iron Age and our Geography focus will be Mountains after half term. Music is learning about body and tuned percussion and then changes in pitch, tempo and dynamics. Our RE focus this half term is Hinduism. In French we will learning simple greetings and building confidence. Monochrome drawing techniques will be our focus in Art and in DT we will be making light-up cards in time for Christmas.

PE and Forest School (FS)

Your child will have PE on a Monday afternoon with Mr Butler and also on Tuesday morning. PE kit is requested in on a Monday and returned home on a Friday for cleaning. All children will also need shin pads worn with long socks and a gum shield.

Those children who have FS on Tuesday will be notified separately.

Homework

Spelling lists will be sent home to practise via the Spelling Frame website: <https://spellingframe.co.uk> on a Monday and closely match the spelling rules we are covering in class. Each week will be clearly dated for you to practise. Children will have a sticker stuck into their reading record containing their username and password. It is also helpful to practise writing these out on paper.

Reading

Children are responsible for bringing in their reading book and record every day. Children in Year 4 are expected to read at home and have their record signed at least five times a week. Reading records will be checked once a week on Mondays and children will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a book token each half term. Please remember

that it is also very important to spend some time talking with your child about their book; asking questions to check that they are following the story accurately, expanding their vocabulary and explore what is happening.

Maths

All children will have a login for Times Table Rockstars and should be practising the times tables that are set each week to either learn new tables or increase the speed of recall.

Nationally, all Year 4 children complete a Times Tables Check in the summer term so we will be working very hard on this area of maths. Regular practise on TTRS will increase your child's confidence and speed. We will share more information about the national test later in the year.

The children also have their Mental Maths booklets set at their level that they started using in the summer term. They should complete one section each week and spend no more than 30 minutes completing it. Please remember to check through your child's work and support them with any misconceptions. You could make a note of these in the booklet so that we are aware. The booklets are handed in on Thursdays and sent home on Fridays. The first issue will be on the 16th September.

Class Representatives

The children have decided upon our class representatives for School Council, Eco Warriors and Art Ambassadors. Each child had the opportunity to apply for one nomination.

We look forward to seeing you at one of the Meet the Teacher sessions which are being held on Wednesday 14th September at 3.45pm and 4.15pm and on Teams at 6.00pm.

As always, please send an email or phone the office if you have any questions or issues, and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

We look forward to working with you in the coming year and thank you in advance for your continued support.

Mrs Stocker and Miss Farmer

Year 4

Learning Behaviours

Although we are sure you are familiar with our School's Learning Behaviours they do expand and develop throughout Key Stage 2. Please familiarise yourself with the ones for Year 4 and spend a moment talking them through with your child, so that everyone is aware of the goals.

Learning Behaviours stickers are given out by members of school staff during the day and badges are awarded in Celebration Assembly on a Friday.

Keeping going	I understand that it is okay to make mistakes.	
Risk taker	I will stay positive when I am faced with a new challenge.	
Respect	I will look after myself and others.	
Motivated and engaged	I will show I am listening by actively taking part in lessons.	
Taking responsibility	I understand that I am responsible for my own learning and behaviour and will complete all homework on time.	
Team Player	I will make sure that everyone has a chance to contribute to a group discussion and come to any decisions together.	
Aiming High	I will come up with my own next steps to improve my work.	
Confident Communicator	I can listen carefully to the views of others and express my ideas clearly and calmly.	

2022-23: Year 4 Daily Timetable

Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading Record and book - 5x signed sessions due in for checking today.• PE kit• New spellings set
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading Record and book• Forest School equipment if needed
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading Record and book
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading Record and book• Maths booklet• Spelling lists set today on Spelling Frame for completion by the following Wednesday.
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading Record and book• PE kit will come home for cleaning• Maths TT homework set and checked today.