

Year 4 - Beech Class Information

Welcome to Year 4 2025-26

I am really looking forward to next year and hope that you and your parents are looking forward to a great year too! This page includes information about starting Year 4 which you and your parents might find useful! Please take the time to read through carefully.

Getting organised for Year 4

Now you are in Y4, you will need to start to take more responsibility for the things you need each day at school. Each day you will need to remember to bring: a pencil case, reading book, coat, lunch, water bottle, reading record, and any other Home Learning needed.

In your pencil case you will need: HB pencils, eraser, sharpener, 15/30cm ruler, drywipe whiteboard pen, green biro/rollerball, small set of pencil colours and a glue stick.

At the beginning of term, we will give you a reading & homework record. You can use this to write reminders in and you should record your reading in here each night.

PE will be on Tuesday and Friday. You will need to come wearing your PE kit on these days.

Good Morning!

When you come to Year 4 in September, Mr Ackland (or Mrs Tucker on a Wednesday), or Mrs Bailey will be ready to greet you at the door every morning.

The cloakroom area is quite small, so please say 'Goodbye' to whoever drops you off outside - no parents in the cloakroom or classroom please.

When you come in, place your belongings on your peg and make your way into the classroom. Once you have found your seat, the day's morning task will be waiting on the board for you.

Communication

You will be expected to be able to pass on simple messages to your parents for things that you might need (eg. you might be asked to collect toilet roll tubes for a DT project). You might also receive a paper copy of a letter if you have been selected for a sports event. All other communication for the class will come from the school office via the Parentmail app.

How do parents find out about what we will learn in class?

Our 'Beech' class page on the school website has lots of important information about Year 4. You will find the overviews of the topics we will work on during the year as well as the important curriculum and assessment targets and standards for Y4 pupils. Under the 'Books' heading you will find a lists of suggesting reading for Y4 pupils and for the projects we will be learning about.

Parents will also find photos and blog posts under the three termly headings (Autumn, Spring & Summer) about all of the exciting activities and special events we take part in.

How does my parent send Mr Ackland a message?

I am always available to pass on quick messages at the start and the end of the day, but if a longer conversation needs to take place it is best to book a time to meet with me or email me via deputy@winterbourneearls.wilts.sch.uk

School Uniform and PE Kit

Please ensure all clothing is named clearly! All jumpers and cardigans should be school uniform. Please make sure you have school shoes not trainers. Anyone who has hair longer than their shoulders is expected to have their hair tied up during school hours.

Please refer to the school's policy for full school uniform expectations.

Homework

Reading

Reading to an adult or independently is expected to be completed **daily** for at least 10-15 minutes. You will need to note down the book and the pages you have read in your reading diary. You are encouraged to write simple comments about your reading (I enjoyed this chapter because... I look up this word and it means... I think ...will happen next). If you read with an adult, they should complete the box with you and sign to say they have read with you. These will be checked each Monday morning.

Spellings

At the start of each new 'unit' you will be given a word bank which fits the rule/pattern we are learning about. You are expected to practise words from this list, and to learn about the rule at home. At the end of the unit, there will be a short test. Some words will be from the word bank, some will be words which the rule/pattern can be applied to.

'Orange words' are words pupils in Y4 are expected to be able to spell independently. You will be given a few of these each week to learn - they will not have a rule. Tests will be on different days as each 'unit' is a different length. It is therefore important to ensure you practise your spellings regularly.

Timestables

Mastering your timestables is very important in Y4; we will be working on these in school daily. You will need to be able to 'count up and down in the number', know the multiplication facts up to 12x12, and be able to recall division facts. Completing weekly TTRS practise needs to be prioritised.

Maths/English

You will also be given weekly homework in English and/or Maths. This will either be via Mathletics or via printed work in homework books. Homework will be set on a Friday and due in the following Thursday.

During the summer Holidays

Firstly, it is important that you rest, have fun, do the things you love to do and spend time with the people you love.

What If I want to keep busy over the holidays?

If you are doing something special, you could send me postcard to tell me all about it! We can share these in September. The address is Beech Class, Winterbourne Earls School, Summerlug, Winterbourne Earls, Salisbury, SP4 6HA

Sumer Reading Challenge. To take part, you will need to sign up to the Summer Reading Challenge website and visit your local library to borrow books. To complete the challenge you will need to read any four books of your choice from the library. If you complete the challenge, you are invited to bring your certificate to school for the first celebration Worship of the year!

Thank you for taking the time to read this information and we CAN'T WAIT to see you all in September!