



Welcome to Year 4



Who works in the Year 4 Department?



Teaching Staff

Year 4 Yellow

Mr Chamberlain

Year 4 Blue

Mrs Astell Mrs English (NQT cover
one morning per week)

Teaching Assistants

Mrs Donnelly

Mrs Lavin

Mrs Bradburn

PE staff

Tricks & Flicks

Settling back to school



The wellbeing of our children is of the utmost importance to us and we will be ensuring extra time is spent to settle the children into their new class.

It is particularly important this year in light of enforced absences from school.

We know and appreciate all the work that parents have completed with their children over lockdown but we do realise that there may be a little extra learning and consolidation needed of key skills.

In the Autumn Term, there will be a greater emphasis on spellings, reading, writing and maths.

However, we do recognise the importance of a broad and balanced curriculum and therefore we will continue to teach the foundation subjects.

What do I do if my child is ill?



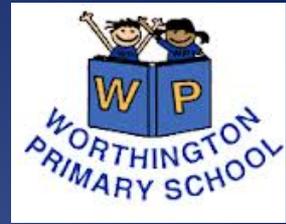
If your child is unwell it is very important that they are kept off school until they are fully recovered.

If your child is displaying symptoms of COVID-19 (see below), they have to be tested and if that test returns negative, they will be able to return to school. If that test returns positive, follow the government guidelines.

Symptoms of COVID-19 in children:

- A temperature
- New and continuous cough
- Stomach ache
- Sickness and diarrhoea

Routines



- Start of day – The school gates are opened at 8.45 am for the children to enter school, registration is at 8.55 am.
- End of day – The school gates are opened at 3.25 pm for a 3.30 pm finish.
- Children will be asked to frequently wash hands and all procedures will be explained.
- We will practise how to use tissues and follow the catch it, bin it, kill it.
- One way systems are in place around school.
- Please do not bring in a bag. All your children will need is one named water bottle and their packed lunch/snack. Pencil cases are not necessary, all equipment is provided by school.
- Please ensure you do not send anything in from home (including toys).



What are the uniform rules?



Hair

Long hair must be tied up and no large bows/headbands should be worn.

Jewellery

Stud earrings only – no hooped earrings.

No necklaces/bracelets, other than ones worn for religious reasons. Do not wear ANY jewellery on PE days, please.

Shoes

Proper black school shoes should be worn on non-PE/Daily Mile days – no trainers/boots.

PE Kit

PE Kit is a plain white t-shirt, plain navy shorts or jogging bottoms and a plain navy hoodie – children should not wear their school jumper/cardigan for PE.



When will my child have PE and the daily mile?

PE in Year 4 will take place on a Tuesday and Thursday. The daily mile will take place on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please make sure that children bring in a pair of trainers on these days.

What does my child need to wear for PE?

PE Kit: All PE lessons will be taking place outside. The children can wear a white round neck t-shirt with either blue shorts or blue track suit bottoms. They can also bring a navy tracksuit top/jumper. They can also wear trainers or pumps. Please, no football kits or gymnastic leotards. Please make sure that your child does not wear earrings on PE days and long hair must be tied back.

On the day that your child's class has PE, they must come into school in their PE kit for the whole day. They will not be getting changed.



When will my child be given homework?

Homework will be given out on a Friday. It will consist of a reading journal task, in which the children will answer a specific question and write the answer in their journal. This needs to be handed in on a Thursday.

The task will be marked by being given one, two or three stars – these will be awarded based on effort and presentation. Children will be able to choose a prize when they get to 20 stars!

A numeracy activity will also be set to complete online using Education City.

We would also expect the children to read with parents, using reading books and library books provided by school. Your child will be given 2 reading books from their current book band each week. In addition, they will also be able to choose a library book to take home every week.

How can I support my child with times tables?



All year 4 children will be tested on their times table knowledge in a government test in the summer term. TTrackstars is an invaluable tool to help your child learn their tables.

The government test follows the same pattern, asking a question and giving the children 5 seconds to record their answer.

All year 4 children also have access to Sumdog to practice their calculation skills.

Edmodo

All children have now been set up with an Edmodo account. Their username and password is the same as their school logins.

Intervention



Throughout the year, your child may attend an intervention group. This is to provide extra input in certain curriculum areas, such as literacy and numeracy.

Intervention is not only to help some children to meet their age related expectations, but also to stretch children working at greater depth.

Reward systems in our classes



Each class has a behaviour ladder where children's names are moved up and down, based on effort and attitude to learning. The ladder is re-set at the end of each day, so everyone has a fresh start each day.

We will also be giving out whole class rewards, based on a whole class target. This will result in 'Golden Time' for the class at various points throughout the year.

Children will also receive house points for following the Worthy Way.

Exciting new ventures



Smart School Council

We are changing how our school council works this year, using Smart School Council to ensure that all children in all classes get to have their voices heard. Regular meetings will be hosted in each class, with different children taking turns to run the meetings. Classes will vote on a variety of issues and action groups will be formed (using different children each time) to organise the events that have been voted for.



My Happy Mind

We have introduced a program to all year groups at school called My Happy Mind which is designed to develop the mental wellbeing of children. It is all based around helping children to understand how their brain works and to support them in building resilient, balanced and happy minds and developing positive skills and habits .

To further embed this learning and ensure that you are able to engage in these topics with your child, My Happy Mind has developed a set of resources for parents. These resources can be accessed online on your computer, or through an app on your phone.

Please look out for a letter on parent pay which gives you instructions for downloading the myHappymind parent app.

Winmarleigh



The £30 deposit is due on 16th September 2021.
The remaining balance is due on 7th October 2021.

We will be leaving school no later than 8.30 am on Thursday 21st October and returning to school on Friday 22nd October for the usual finishing time.

Further details regarding clothing, footwear, arrival and departure times will follow. Please click on the link to find out more information.

<https://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/school-trips/primary-schools/courses/the-big-reconnect>

Thank you for taking the time to read this information.



If you have any questions not answered within these slides, please just speak to your child's class teacher.

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We hope you enjoy Year 4!