

Meet the Teachers

Year 4



Learning Together,
Respecting Each Other.

Mrs Timms, Mrs Dunne, Miss Lundgren,
Mrs Fowler and Mrs Gaynor.

Wood End Expectations (VT)

- Line up in alphabetical order, in silence as soon as the morning bell rings.
- Wear appropriate school uniform – please make sure everything is named!
- An optional small pencil case please so that this can live in their tray or school bag.
- Reading books and reading records in school every day.
- PE kit in school every day.
- Water bottles regularly taken home, washed and refilled.

Behaviour (VT)

- Good to be Green – School Behaviour System.
- It is based on green, yellow and red cards.
- Children who behave appropriately in class will remain on green and be rewarded with Golden Time each week on a Friday afternoon.
- If children break class or school rules, they will be given a warning. If they continue, they will be moved to a yellow or red card accordingly. This may mean missing some of their Golden Time.
- We are sure that all of our children in Year 4 will show us their best behaviour at all times!

Year 4: Curriculum (ML)

Curriculum Letters will be sent out each term summarising what we will be covering within each subject. Our main topics during the year are:

- *Spain (Autumn), Ancient Greece (Spring) and A Local Study of Harpenden, including the railways (Summer).*

Throughout the year we will be...

- Encouraging independence and taking responsibility for their own work and actions.
- Creating a learning environment that encourages children to 'take a risk' and grow as a learner.
- Helping children to understand how they can improve as a learner.

Year 4 Expectations: Home Learning (VT)

Reading and Reading Record Books

- Children are expected to read to an adult at least 5x per week – please make sure Reading Record Books are dated and signed and brought into school each day.

Maths Homework

- This is posted on the Year Four area of the website by Friday and needs to be handed in the following Wednesday (unless specified e.g. 2 week project).
- Children should spend a good quality 20 minutes on their homework.
- There is usually a choice of level A, B or C.
- Neat presentation.

Children may be given an additional piece of homework – again, this will be posted on the Year Four area of the website.

Reading (VT)

- Guided Reading – this is timetabled daily first thing in the morning.
- Carousel of activities which will involve a variety of reading activities, either with the Teacher, Teaching Assistant or independently.
- We welcome parent helpers (with a current DBS check) to come in and listen to the children read during the week. Please see your child's class teacher if you can help.

Writing (ED)

- A variety of genres will be covered throughout the year.
- Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) - 2 dedicated spelling lessons a week plus punctuation and grammar will be taught through our main teaching.
- Basic punctuation reviewed and the use of more complex punctuation will be introduced such as , ... () “...”
- Developing the use of paragraphs to structure writing.
- We encourage children to take pride in their work with high expectations of how work is presented (both in school work and homework).
- Children will be encouraged to use neat, joined handwriting in all areas. They will begin most days with handwriting practice. Children will begin to earn their Pen Licence towards the end of the academic year.

Maths (ML)

- Children will remain in their own classes for Maths lessons. The work will be differentiated and children will take ownership of their learning by choosing their own level of challenge with additional guidance from their teacher.
- Children will continue to work hard on learning their times tables – they should know all tables by the end of Year 4! We use Times Tables Rockstars and other activities to encourage and promote a love of learning tables! Please support your children at home with this too.
- Mental Maths practice is incorporated into every lesson.
- We will encourage the development of problem solving skills and risk-taking in all lessons.

Communication (ED)

- We value and appreciate all communication from parents.
- All teaching staff are on the playground from 8:45am if you need a quick word before the bell rings. After this time, please allow teaching staff to attend to their class.
- If a matter requires more time, please contact the office to arrange a meeting.
- Please write a note or use the reading records as a form of communication – it is important we are up to date on everything, from homework problems to weekends away. Please encourage your child to hand this to their Class Teacher if there are any important notes in them.

Curriculum Enrichment, Trips and Parent Helpers (VT)

Volunteering in Year 4

If you would like to volunteer for reading, workshops or coming on any trips, you will need to be DBS checked. Please see the office for this information. We will also need helpers for swimming so each teacher will approach you when the time comes! Rowan Class are starting swimming **next week** on Monday 10th September. Thank you for volunteering – please arrive to school at 1.15pm. Maple Class then take over on Monday 15th October – a letter will be sent out.

School Trips/Workshops

- Tring Museum – Autumn (date to be confirmed).
- Spanish Dance Workshop – Autumn (date to be confirmed).
- Greek Workshop – Spring.
- Setpoint Workshop – linked with Electricity topic – Summer.
- Buckinghamshire Railway Museum – Summer.
- Walk into Harpenden – Summer.



Thank you for your time.

- Any questions?