

Information Sheet for Parents or Guardians of Children in Class 4

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| Class teacher(s) | Mrs Newman |
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| Teaching Assistant | Mrs Willett |
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School begins at **8:45am** and ends at **3.15pm**. Please make sure your child is at school on time and that he/she is collected on time. Thank you.

Please ensure that your child is in school every day unless he/she is ill. If he/she is ill, please telephone the school to inform us by 9am on 024 76392219. Where possible, please try to arrange appointments at the Doctors, Dentist etc outside of school hours and please try to take holidays during the school holiday periods. Thank you.

| Please Remember | | | | | |
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| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| PE Kit | | | PE | PE | |
| Homework | | | | Homework to be returned | Set on Education City. |
| Reading | Please ensure all school reading books and school library books are in your child's book bag EVERY DAY because they may be asked to read or change their books in school on any weekday. | | | | |
| Other | | | | | Spellings set on homework sheet/quiz |

Please see the attached topic web detailing our topic work for this term.

We value the support of all parents and guardians. If you feel you can help in any way with the work we are covering this term, please contact the class teacher as soon as possible.

Monster phonics - Reading Information

In their reading diaries a monster phonics book will be assigned to your child. These can be accessed on the Monster Phonics website. Please use your child's log in details to access these at home.

Reading at home is the most important way you can support your child. Here are some ways you can help.

- Try to create a relaxed reading atmosphere. Establish a regular time and place to read and ensure the surroundings are as calm as possible. If your child doesn't feel like reading, offer to read to them instead. Be positive about reading!
- Children don't have to read with you. It can be very motivating for them to read with siblings, grandparents or friends.
- Talk to your child about the books they are reading. Before reading, challenge your child to be a book detective: look at the book cover and see if they can guess what the book will be about or what type of book it is. As you read together, talk about what is happening in the book, what might happen next, and anything that has puzzled them. When your child finishes a book, ask them whether they liked it or not and encourage them to explain why.
- You could also try acting out part of the story, or making something from the book.
- Remember that reading a book is not the only reading your child will do. Encourage them to read signs, leaflets, recipes, instructions and so on. By reading these types of texts your child will often be reading without realising they are doing so!

Children will be bringing home 1 Bug Club Reading book, 1 choice book, 1 library book and will have access to the Monster Phonics Books online.

Education City

Last year we sent home your child's login details for Education City. We will be continuing to assign homework learning tasks for English (including Phonics) and Maths. The learning will carefully match what your child has been learning in school. Children will have until the following Thursday to complete these tasks, which can be revisited throughout the week, to further develop their understanding. You will find your child's homework by clicking on the "Homework" link.

In addition to the tasks set, the Education City site enables you to access a variety of educational learning in English, Maths and Science. By clicking on the 'Subjects' link, you will be able to access any resources of your choice in a range of formats e.g. activities, videos and so on. Using the "Topic" link, you will be able to find activities to help your child to consolidate different areas of learning or simply explore further learning activities. Once again, any interactive tasks accessed will be recorded in the 'Scores' section under the 'Pick and Play' link.

We hope you find this resource a useful way of promoting and supporting your child's learning at home. If you have any queries about the homework, please contact your child's class teacher at the class email address.

Spellings

Spellings will come home every Friday on a sheet in their book bags for them to practise.

Knowledge Organiser

This colourful sheet will be attached to this letter. For each topic per half term, we will send a knowledge organiser home to you. You can support your child by learning the key facts over the next 7 weeks, as we will be doing in school. Another section has key vocabulary, the correct terms that we will be teaching the children to use and you may be able to practise using the correct vocabulary when you are out and about, particularly at the weekends. Finally we have added a few book suggestions that compliment this topic, which you may wish to borrow from the library or purchase for yourselves. At the end of each unit, we have designed key questions that will find out what information the children have learned and retained. This focuses our learning and also helps us to plan our next steps.