



Ashley Junior School

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4th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Year Four!

We hope your child will have a successful and productive year with us in Year Four. We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the curriculum coverage for the Autumn Term. Please find the curriculum web attached which outlines the learning objectives for our new topic. We hope that the following information will enable you to provide support and encouragement for your child.

Parent Welcome Meeting

The Year Four parent welcome meeting will be held at 9:00am on Wednesday 13th September lasting approximately 20 minutes to share expectations. We look forward to meeting you there.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations have been arranged for **Monday 25th September and Tuesday 26th September**. Time slots will be available between 3:40pm – 6:00pm. Appointments can be made via your child's online account www.scopay.com/login from Friday 15th September or contact the school office.

English

Throughout the year, your child will experience a range of writing opportunities including non-fiction writing, writing stories and a chance to explore and perform poems. As part of the delivery of a rich reading curriculum, we will have library sessions on Thursday.

Please ensure your child brings their library book in to school on this day so they change their book during the session.

Mathematics

The main topics included this year are; place value, addition, subtraction, division and multiplication, shape and measurement. The learning in class will also be supported by the weekly 'DoodleMaths' homework which will be set. You will be able to support your child through the use of 'DoodleMaths'.

Home Learning

Reading

Children are expected to read daily for at least 10 minutes and record their thoughts and feelings in response to what they have read in their Reading River Record. The expectations for this will be shared and modelled with the children during the first week of term ready for this to start week beginning Monday 11th September. The children's work in this book will go towards selecting the 'Star Reader' for each class. A 'Star Reader' will be chosen, celebrated and mentioned in the weekly newsletter.



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Spelling

For your child to make progress in line with Year Four age-related expectations, they will need to practise their spellings weekly on a programme called 'DoodleSpell'. The programme builds spelling confidence and ability tailoring tasks to their individual strengths and weaknesses. This will only have the necessary impact if they use 'DoodleSpell' for a 10 minute session of meaningful practice at least three times a week. We define meaningful practice as earning 15 stars per session.

Maths

Your child is expected to access 'DoodleMaths,' an online Mathematics platform that is designed to challenge and inspire children on their Mathematical learning journey. Again, this should be for at least ten minutes of meaningful practice at least three times a week. We define meaningful practice as earning 15 stars per session.

All Doodle Homework will be monitored and go towards selecting a weekly 'Top Doodler' for each class.

Times Tables

It is an expectation in the National Curriculum for Mathematics that by the end of Year Four all children know and can recall all times table facts up to and including 12 x 12. In June, the children are required to complete a National Assessment Times Table Check, so they will be required to complete at least ten minutes of meaningful practice at least three times a week on 'DoodleTables'. Again, we define meaningful practice as earning 15 stars per session. 'DoodleTables' helps teach the times table facts and your child's efficiency can be further supported with 'Garage' and 'Sound check' activities on 'Times Tables Rock Stars'.

Termly homework task

Each term, a project will be set based upon the topic being explored in class. The children will have 4 weeks to complete the task and then they will present their project to the class.

School Trips

Currently planned for the academic year we have outdoor trips to incorporate Geography fieldwork. In the Spring term we will host our own Anglo-Saxon/Viking Day for our History Learning Journeys. For any further trips, you will be notified nearer the time.

P.E

PE will take place on Mondays. Children will need to come into school wearing their kit on the day. PE Kit consists of house team T-shirt, black shorts, plain socks and sensible trainers. It will be acceptable in the colder weather for children to be in black or blue tracksuit bottoms along with their school jumper with their PE Kit underneath. School branded sports hoodies can be worn on PE days only. Please note Year 4 pupils are to come to school wearing their school uniform on Monday 11th September for school photo.



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Personal Belongings

Please bring all equipment needed for school in a named bag, but be mindful the cubby holes are quite small so large bags will be inconvenient. Also, all stationery is provided so the children do not need to bring in pencil cases. Toys and fidgets are not permitted.

Snacks and Water bottles

We politely request **ALL** children have a named water bottle in school, please ensure that these are not filled with squash or fizzy drinks, as only water is permitted. These will need to return home and be washed each day. Fruit and vegetable snacks are welcome, but we request that no other type of snack is provided. Milk can be purchased through the cool milk scheme www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/school-lunches/ alternatively you may be entitled to free milk.

Art shirts

The children will be doing lots of art this year. To protect expensive school uniform please provide your child with an old shirt that will cover their uniform and keep it clean. Please name it and send it in by Monday 11th September.

Communication with Parents / Carers

If you wish to speak to you child's class teacher, please contact the school office, who will make the necessary arrangements.

Yours faithfully,

Year Four Team