

Welcome to Year Four

Class Teachers: Mr Johnson and Mr Allaby

Welcome to Year Four, we are looking forward to the start of a new school year and sharing all the great learning experiences we have in store for your child! Keeping you as parents/carers involved in your child's learning is very important to us, so we would like to share some important information with you in advance of September:

Year Four Day

- School begins at 8.45am and ends at 3.15pm – please aim to have your child ready to enter the school building at 8.45am promptly as we will be starting lessons every day at 8.50am.
- Morning playtime is 11.00am – 11.15am
- Lunchtime is 12.30pm – 1.30pm - the specific time the children eat changes slightly each day, based on a weekly rota

Practicalities

- Children will need their own healthy snack for morning playtime
- Year Four use lockers, so please use suitably sized rucksacks (if they are needed)
- Children are provided with writing equipment and a pencil case, which they take responsibility for and is kept in school
- Uniform remains the same as Year 3. Full details of the uniform guidance can be found here: <https://www.gorseybank.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Gorseley-Bank-School-Uniform-5.pdf>

Reading

- 2 x individual school reading books will be taken home and your child will have the opportunity to swap their books once they have been read
- If you have time, please feel free to comment in your child's Reading Record when you have read with your child
- Adults will read with some targeted pupils individually during the week and a note will be recorded in their reading record book
- Your child's Reading books and Reading Record should be brought into school each day
- Your child will take part in daily Guided Reading or Class Novel sessions with their Class Teacher

Home Learning

- Home Learning is set on a Wednesday and handed in by the following Monday
- The purpose of Home Learning is to consolidate and extend prior learning
- Children should be able to complete tasks independently
- Home Learning tasks will alternate between Maths/Arithmetic and English/Reading Comprehension
- Any concerns regarding Home Learning should be shared with the Class Teachers

- Other online platforms are available for the children to use either as part of the weekly Home Learning or as additional resources to further embed learning from in school. In Year Four these include TTRockstars, Spelling Shed, and Code.org. Logins can be found in the front of the children's Reading Records.

Home School Communication

- Class Teachers should always be your first point of contact
- We do not share personal email addresses but if you would like to speak to any of the team we are always happy to arrange a time for this via admin@gorseysbank.org.uk
- One member of the team will be available at the Lower Key Stage 2 door every morning and at home time, any messages will be shared with the rest of the team
- Feedback can be shared with PTA/Parent Council Reps and Parent Governors
- Parents' Evenings happen in October and March, and Learning Review Meetings in July
- The Annual Planner has key dates a year in advance
- The Gorsey Weekly and Twitter has more up-to-date information and any changes (our Tweets can be viewed on our website page (see below) for any parents not using Twitter)

Collection Arrangements

- The children will leave school from the LKS2 door at home time, and will remain at the door until they see someone who has come to collect them
- Please let your child's Class Teacher know if there is any change in collection

Year 4 Highlights...

- Residential (Conway Centre, March 2023)
- Forest School
- Author visits (virtual and in person)
- Play with the Halle
- Class Assembly
- KS2 Carol Service at the Wilmslow URC
- Rex Cinema visit
- Bramall Hall Trip
- Swimming at The Leisure Centre
- Tennis at Pownall Park
- Pen License!



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<https://www.gorseysbank.org.uk/year-groups/year-4/>