



Year 4  
Mr Westhead  
Spring Term 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a restful and peaceful Christmas and are looking forward to the Spring Term. This promises to be a very busy term as we introduce new topics in many subjects. If you have any questions, about homework, learning, or your child's wellbeing, then please remember we are always here to help; either speak to us at the end of the day or email the school office:

[office@harwood-meadows.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:office@harwood-meadows.bolton.sch.uk)

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We are...

Aspirational  
Resilient  
Kind

**THINGS TO REMEMBER**

**MONDAY** is our P.E. day. Please come to school dressed in your PE kit. Earrings must be taken out at home and hair must be appropriately tied up for this subject.

Children should wear the school P.E kit (navy shorts and red t-shirt).

Appropriate outside wear may be also required at this time of year.

**MONDAY** is spelling test day. New spellings will be sent home for children to practise. *Please encourage your child to use Spelling Shed to support their spelling work.*

**UNIFORM:** Please make sure that your child's uniform is clearly labelled; we have so many children, that items of

## HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD

- Reading with your child at home is vital. Children who foster a love of reading, by reading at home daily with parents and carers, are proven to make greater progress and develop the wider vocabulary essential to access learning at secondary school. If possible, at least 3 times a week. Please remember to sign your child's reading record.
- It is imperative to practise spellings and multiplication tables. Your child will be expected to pass the government's Multiplication Tables Check for year 4 this year on all of their tables up to and including  $12 \times 12 = 144$ . Please use TTRockstars daily and try:  
<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>  
We are using this widely in school and the children are enjoying using it.
- Continue to encourage your child to develop their independence, remembering their water bottles, packed lunches and coats, as well as fastening coats and laces.
- Remind your child to hand in any letters or reply slips to their teacher.
- Check your child's reading packet each day.
- Practise learning on Spelling Shed, Purple Mash, TTRockstars and so on, using the log-ins sent home.
- Check Class Dojo for any messages and updates of learning.

uniform and P.E. kit are easily lost. We had to throw away a number of unnamed/unclaimed items before the Christmas break. Children with long hair must have it tied back in a hair bobble. Earrings should be removed on PE day or will be taped over during the lesson.

**WATER BOTTLES:** Please make sure that children bring a clearly labelled water bottle into school each day.

**HOMEWORK** will be sent home each Thursday and is due back each Monday. Please endeavour to give your child to complete this as it is a key opportunity to cement and apply what your child has learned in school that week.

**SNACK:** All children are invited to bring in a healthy snack for break times. This as a suggestion, could vary from raisins, pears, apples etc. Please avoid snacks such as biscuits, crisps, chocolate.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Break up for half term

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March** –  
World Book Day

**Tue 18<sup>th</sup>/ Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Mar** –  
Parent Conferences

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Mar.**  
Year 4 Seven Acres rivers trip.

### READING BOOKS

Your child will bring home a home reading book which is linked to the level they are working at. The books are closely linked with the books read in school and offer additional practise in reading strategies shared that week. Please read with your child every day and sign their diary. Reading books will be changed at least once a week and a new book will be allocated. Children will read at different times during the week. Please ensure your child brings their reading book and diary to school regularly. Your child may also bring home a book from the 100 books challenge to enjoy together.

**Thu 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr –**

Final day for egg creation entries

**Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Apr –**

Break up for the Easter holidays

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April –**

School restarts after Easter.

### SUBJECT OVERVIEWS

**MATHS:** Multiplication, Division, Measurement- Length and Perimeter, Fractions and decimals

**ENGLISH:** Narrative, escape and adventure stories, motivational speeches and persuasion, Character descriptions, poetry and limericks. Computing pioneers biography.

**SCIENCE:** Living things and their habitats.

**GEOGRAPHY:** Rivers

**HISTORY:** The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain.

**DESIGN TECHNOLOGY:** Will be completed in Summer term.

**COMPUTING:** Computer Literacy, word processing, spreadsheets, coding.

**PE:** Dance and OAA.

**PSHE:** Aspirations, how to achieve goals and understanding the emotions that go with this. Being and keeping safe and healthy.

**RE:** How do festivals and family life show what matters to Jewish people?

**MUSIC:** **Stop**-Anti-bullying and rap music. **Lean on Me**- Soul music

**ART:** Finishing Greek pottery and Roman Mosaics

**FRENCH:** Shapes, Je Peux- I can..

### SCHOOL RULES

Ready...Respectful...Safe

### CLASS DOJOS



Children will earn dojos in class all year towards their bronze, silver and gold badges.

**50 dojos = Bronze**   **100 dojos = Silver**   **150 dojos = Gold**   **200 = Platinum**

If you haven't signed up already, you will receive a parent sign up code so you can follow your child's progress.

