



Year 4
Mr Westhead and Miss Wood
Autumn Term 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the start of what promises to be a fantastic year in Year 4. We hope you have all had an enjoyable Summer and are ready for an exciting year ahead. This year we will be working very hard and having lots of fun along the way. If you have any questions, 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

Mr Westhead and Miss Wood

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.

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 uniform and P.E. kit are easily lost. Children with long hair must have it tied back in a hair bobble. Children must wear the school P.E kit (navy shorts and red t-shirt).

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

HOMEWORK will be set each Wednesday and is due in each Monday. We will continue to supply paper copies of spellings. Children will need to access Spelling shed. Maths Homework will be set through the online platform, **maths.co.uk**.

SNACK: All children can 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 etc.

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD

- Read with your child at home. 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 perhaps try:
<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>
- 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 etc, using the log-ins sent home.
- Check Class Dojo for any messages and updates of learning.

BACKPACKS: We simply do not have space to store backpacks in school. There is not room in our cloakrooms and they often end up on the floor where they are trampled on, or in Year 4's case, kicked inadvertently into the toilets. Please stick with a school reading bag and lunchbox/waterbottle carried separately.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Tuesday 24th September** – Meet the Teacher
- **Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November** – Half-term break
- **Tuesday 19th/ Wednesday 20th November** – Parent Conference KS2
- **Friday 4th December** – Theatre Visit
- **Friday 6th December** – Christmas Fair, Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day
- **Thursday 19th December** – Year 3 and 4 Christmas performance
- **Thursday 19th December** – Class Party
- **Wednesday 20th December 2pm & 6pm** – KS1 Nativity
- **Friday 20th December –2pm** - school finishes for the Christmas break
- **Tuesday 7th January** – Spring term begins

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 every day. Your child will also bring home a book from the 100 books challenge to enjoy together.

SUBJECT OVERVIEWS

MATHS: Number: Place value, addition and subtraction. Measurement: length and perimeter.
Multiplication and Division

ENGLISH: Setting and characters/narrative, diary entries, instructions, poetry. Narrative – myths and legends, dialogue, book reviews, reports.

SCIENCE: Electricity, animals including humans (including teeth and the digestive system)

GEOGRAPHY: Human and physical geography; European regions, including Greece.

HISTORY: The Ancient Greeks

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY: Electricity and construction. Nightlights.

COMPUTING: E-Safety; digital literacy; hyperlinks and editing digital photographs; using a range of Excel tools; creating graphs from data on a spreadsheet.

PE: Basketball, gymnastics, safe use of equipment.

PSHE: Being me in my world; celebrating difference.

RE: Key question – What kind of world did Jesus want?

MUSIC: Mamma Mia and recorder work.

ART: Drawing, Greek clay pottery, Christmas activities.

FRENCH: I'm learning French and salutations.

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.

