



Year 4



Meet the Team!



Welcome to Year 4!

Thank you for all your efforts and enthusiasm so far. The children have settled well and are getting back into the school routine after the summer break.

In this session, you will find more information about life in Year 4.

Meet the Year 4 team:



Miss Megrath

Miss Hadley

TAs

Miss Bess

Mrs Robson

Mrs Wasey

What should my child bring to school?



- Every day your child should bring their school reading book and signed reading record.
- Water bottles (named) should be brought in daily and can be refilled by the children as required throughout the day.
- If your child brings in a pencil case, please ensure it is small enough to fit in your child's tray.
- Library slots: Flamingos – Thursday, Toucans – Friday.
- P.E. days for Year 4 are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Your children should come into school wearing their P.E. kits on these days. Please ensure all kit and uniform is clearly named.

PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING!

Elite Swimming

- 20th November 2023 – on site 😊
- 2 weeks - Daily - 45 minute sessions.
- Children are assessed during first lesson and split into appropriate teaching groups.
- Groups will change into suits during the day in the spare classroom closest to the pool.
- Group 1 can come to school with costume on.
- More information regarding Group 1 will follow closer to the time.



Swimming:

Rules from the Swim School:

- **Bathing hats** must be worn by ALL swimmers and named on the outside with the child's first name in a waterproof pen please.
- A sensible costume should be worn, allowing free movement (we request that girls wear a one-piece swimming costume rather than a two piece).
- Goggles are not required, but if the children do prefer to use them, they must be named and the child must take responsibility for their safe-keeping;
- No jewellery should be worn in the pool (**including stud earrings**);
- Infectious foot diseases, e.g. athlete's foot, verrucas etc. should be covered with a special sock, available from the chemist;
- Pupils will need a named plastic bag to store wet swimming clothes; and a change of dry underwear – especially if you are Group 1.
- Swimming aids (e.g. armbands/ floats) **will be provided** for those who require them, so the children do not need to bring these themselves.
- Sliders

Homework:



New Home Learning

- 6/9 activities completed
- Due date 13th October (end of each half term)
- Early home learning can be handed in on Fridays

Spellings are taught weekly in class on a Thursday

- No weekly spelling tests 😊

Reading:



- Children should read at home **at least** 4 times per week.
- Ideally they should read to an adult daily.
- Please record when they read in their reading record. It doesn't have to be lots of writing, children can write the book title in and you can just initial!
- You can find a list of recommended books for your child's age range on the school website.
- No reading treat



Reading:



- Please ask your child questions about what they are reading –it is important they *understand* what they are reading.
- What should I ask?
 - See list of example questions stuck in your child's reading record which will give you some ideas.



Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)



- *“The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will help schools to identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided.” www.gov.uk*
- The check will take place in school June 2024.
- It is an online test therefore it will be completed on school iPads.
- We will do plenty of practice throughout the year.
- Please continue to use Times Tables Rockstar at home as often as possible.

Parent Helpers:



- We are always grateful for any parent (or even grandparent!) helpers!
- This could be offering one-off help or on a regular basis.
- All parent helpers **must** be DBS checked.
 - DBS checking will be conducted by the school at no cost to the parent.
 - The school office can give you the details on how to apply.
 - DBS checks can expire, so if you did one when your child started at Owlsmoor, it may need renewing if you would like to help this year. The school office will be able to check the validity of your DBS check if you have previously done one.
 - DBS checks are also only valid for one specific organisation, so if you have one through your work or through volunteering elsewhere, you would need a new one to help here.
- What might parent helpers do?
 - Help to supervise a trip.
 - Listen to the children read.
 - Help with specific projects in class (such as art or design and technology projects).

General reminders:



- Uniform:
 - Jewellery should not be worn, other than small stud or small hoop earrings.
 - Earrings and watches must be taken off for P.E. – if earrings can't be taken out, they will have to be covered by tape. The children will have to be able to do this by themselves.
- Unless we have received **written permission** from you, it is expected that your child will be collected from the classroom door at the end of school.

Finally:



Thank you for taking the time to attend this meeting and we look forward to working together with you to provide the best education for your child!