



YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 2024



Moorhen Class	Kingfisher Class	Heron Class
Mrs Draper-Year Lead	Miss Zahorska	Mrs Smith
LSA – Mrs Davis and Mrs Pannu		

Welcome to Year 4! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and are back ready to learn!

We had an extremely busy start to this academic year and we start 2024 in the same way! Our expectations for behavior and learning are high and we thank you for your continued support.

Home Learning

- We plan homework tasks carefully to support and consolidate school learning. Therefore, it is vital that you support and encourage your child to complete the tasks set and communicate with their teacher if they have any problems in doing so.
- For additional information on the Year 4 curriculum please refer to the Long-Term Curriculum Overview for Year 4.
- All maths overviews can be located on the school website.
- Information on home learning projects will be sent out shortly with an expected due date.



- Mathematics
 - Mathletics tasks will be assigned for home learning each Thursday which must be completed by the following Thursday. This will be linked to the maths learning in lessons that week.
 - On a daily basis for at least 15 minutes, your child should practice their times tables using the Times Table Rock Stars site.
- English
 - Reading - Please ensure that your child reads **every night** and that their diary is signed. If your child cannot read on a particular evening, please write a note in the diary. If a book cannot be sent home from school, please read a home book and record this in the diary. **After finishing a book, your child will be expected to complete a book review in school to share their opinions and preferences with their peers.**



- Spelling –A Spelling Shed activity will be set each Friday and needs to be completed by the following Friday.

- **Usernames and passwords have been sent home during the Autumn term. If you require these again, please speak to your child's teacher**

PE Days & PE Kits

Our PE days have changed and are:

Moorhen: Monday and Tuesday

Heron and Kingfisher: Tuesday and Wednesday

The expectation is that your child comes into school in their PE kit on those days. Please ensure each item of your child's PE kit is labelled clearly with their name and that no jewellery is worn on PE days.

Pencil Cases

Children are to use the standard school pencil case (as purchased from the office). Please do not buy new pencil cases to be brought into school as they will be sent home. If your child requires any replacement equipment, please order these via Scopay.



Marvellous Me



Marvellous Me will be used to send out key information as well as to celebrate your child's successes. It is essential you are signed up to the app and that you check it regularly.


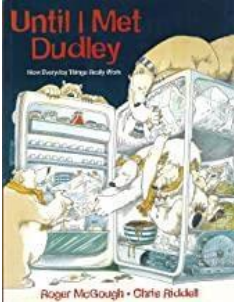
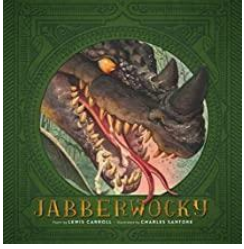


Remember to check if your child is a published author on Pobble!







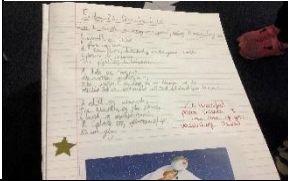

Important Dates

3 rd January	Children return to school
18 th January	Moorhen Class assembly
25 th January	Heron Class assembly
1 st February	Kingfisher Class assembly
6 th February	Parent Consultations
7 th February	Parent Consultations
9 th February	Finish for half term (3.15pm)
19 th February	Inset Day
20 th February	Children return to school
7 th March	World Book Day
5 th , 6 th , 7 th , 8 th March	Bike ability
20-22 nd March	Stubbington Residential
28 th March	End of Spring Term (2pm)

At APPS, we follow The Literary Curriculum with Literacy Tree, which places quality literature at the core of English teaching. Below are the texts that Year 4 will study over the course of the term. If you are able to discuss the books with your child as we study them, it would really support their learning. All books are available from bookshops and local libraries. Please refer to the whole school text overview on the school's website for the texts studied in the spring and summer terms.

Spring 1		Spring 2	
			
A Winter's Child- Angela McAllister and Grahame Baker-Smith	Odd and The Frost Giants- Neil Gaiman	Until I met Dudley- Roger McGough and Chris Riddell	Jabberwocky- Lewis Carroll

Celebration of Autumn Term Learning

			
			
<p>'Egg'cellent experiments</p> <p>In Autumn 1 we learnt about the human digestive system, in science. For part of our learning, we conducted an experiment on eggs to observe the effect sugary drinks have on our teeth. We chose eggs as the shell is a similar structure to the enamel on our teeth. We were shocked to see that orange juice can damage our teeth as well as full fat coke.</p>	<p>One of the most exciting days this term, was when Mr Egypt came to visit Year 4. The children loved being able to hold artefacts from ancient Egypt that Mr Egypt had discovered himself as one of the world leading Egyptologists! The children found it hilarious when they found out that if they were living in ancient Egypt, they would not have worn clothes until they were 5! They also enjoyed being able to mummify each other, thankfully no organs were removed in the process.</p>	<p>In writing we have been reading 'The Snowman' and have had lots of exciting writing opportunities.</p> <p>We were amazed when the remains of a snowman mysteriously appeared in our classrooms whilst we were at break one day!</p> <p>The children have particularly enjoyed writing poems based upon the song 'Walking in the Air' Some of these have been published on Pobble, so please visit our school page to view these.</p> <p>We were also very excited to see all the classrooms doors decorated to tell the story of 'The Snowman' as you walk around school.</p>	<p>During our DT lessons we have learned about seasonality. Using our knowledge of seasonality, we went to the kitchen and made a delicious, leek and potato soup. Some of us were in charge of the chopping of the vegetables, whilst others were in charge of adding the stock and blending the soup until it was smooth. Some of us thought that the soup was very tasty, whilst others were not so convinced!</p>

For further information or queries, please check the school website or twitter accounts.

Website: www.ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk Twitter: @Ashford_Park

Should you have any queries about your child's learning or progress, please come and see us at the end of the day or make an appointment via the office.

We are very much looking forward to working with you to give your child the very best learning experience at APPS.

Year 4 Team

Mrs Draper, Miss Zahorska and Mrs Smith