



YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

Summer term 2024



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

We hope you had a wonderful Easter and come back ready to learn!

We had an extremely busy Spring term! 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 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 MTC section of Edshed.
- 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 are:

Moorhen: Monday and Tuesday

Heron: Tuesday and Friday

Kingfisher: Tuesday and Friday

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, including earrings, 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 these will be sent home. If your child requires 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

15 th April	Start of Summer 1
22 nd April	Class Photos
3 rd May	Mufti for school funds
6 th May	Bank Holiday
15 th May	Changing Me Jigsaw parental viewing (more information to follow)
24 th May	Break up for Half term- 3.15pm finish
27 th -31 st May	Half term
3 rd June	Start of Summer 2
3 rd - 14 th June	MTC
5 th June	Watts Gallery Heron and Moorhen Class
6 th June	Watts Gallery Kingfisher Class
26 th June	Sports day
23 rd July	End of Year- 2pm finish

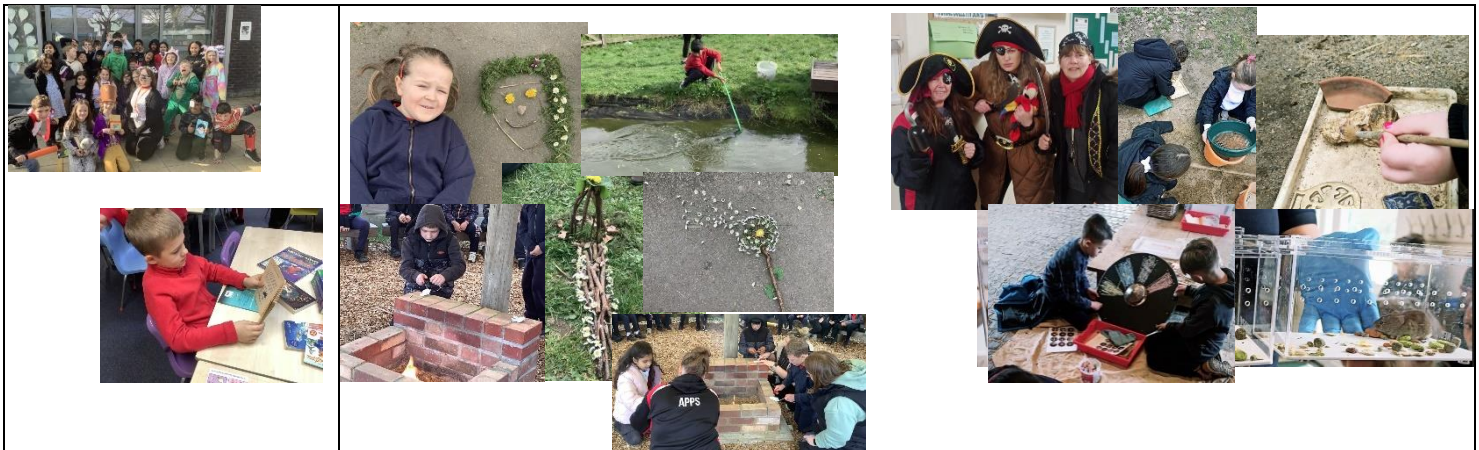
Class Texts



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.

Summer 1		Summer 2	
			
The Matchbox Diary – Paul Fleischman	Cinnamon – Neil Gaiman	The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe – C.S Lewis	Shackleton's Journey William Grill

Celebration of Spring Term Learning



In March, we had a fantastic book week. We really enjoyed our Reading Café, where we viewed all the books in our classrooms and discussed what we liked about them and which books we would recommend to our friends. On the Friday, we had a brilliant dress up day and spent some time in the afternoon, having a costume parade to show off all our great outfits. The children loved that the teachers had teamed together and dressed up as Cruella and her dalmatians.

In Spring 2, Some of Year 4 spent a wonderful few days in Stubbington! They learnt so much about the Anglo-Saxons and studied artefacts from this time period. They took part in a team building exercise, Earthquake, where the children worked together to get their resources through the different obstacles. They were also extremely fortunate to witness the badgers and the foxes eat their dinner at night.

The children that remained in school, also had a fantastic outdoor learning week. They visited the pond and were amazed when they found a newt and a stick insect. They also took part in some natural art, creating self-portraits using natural materials and built sculptures inspired by Andy Goldsworthy. The highlight of their week was on Friday afternoon, when Mrs. Hawkins taught us how to safely light a fire and toasted marshmallows and drank hot chocolate around the campfire.

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 contact the office on info@ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk We are very much looking forward to continuing to work with you to give your child the very best learning experience at APPS.

Year 4 Team
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