



Dear Parents and Year 4 Children,

We are sending home this information booklet in the hope that it will reassure you about Year 4 and some of the exciting things that there are to look forward to in the year ahead.

Hopefully, there will be some exciting trips and visits for the children, during the year but at this stage we are unable to organise these until we know what restrictions there will be.

We are really excited about the year ahead and are looking forward to a fantastic year working with you and your amazing children.

Please email if you have any questions or we have forgotten to mention something.

Jayne Hobbs and Lisa Whitby

Welcome to Ombersley Endowed First School

Year 4 2020/21



Welcome to Year 4 ~ Your child's final year at Ombersley!

This booklet is designed to be a useful overview of some of the things your child will experience during the course of the year. We hope it will be useful. Mrs Whitby will be the class teacher on Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Hobbs on Thursday and Friday. Wednesdays will be alternated between the two of us.



English

Reading diaries will stay in school from Monday to Friday and children will be responsible for changing their own reading books and recording what they are reading in their diaries.

ERIC (Everyone reading in class) will take place every day, when children will have the opportunity to read their reading book and change it, if necessary. During this time teachers will listen to children reading and discuss with them what they are reading. When a book is completed they will be asked to complete a book review.

As well as this, children will be listened to during Guided reading, as part of a group, once a week. Reading diaries will be sent home on a Friday when parents can look at what their children have been reading during the week and have the opportunity to listen to them and discuss the book. This can be recorded in their diaries. Children can also record any other books they have read at home during the week.

Raffle tickets will continue to be rewarded for regular reading. At the end of each month a ticket will be drawn out and the winner from each class will join Mrs Moore for tea.

Your child will have a list of weekly spellings, which will be sent home at the beginning of each half term, so that you can help your child to practise learning to spell them. There will be a test, in the form of a dictation, on Fridays.

Maths

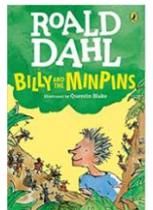
The children have a daily Maths session and will cover areas such as number, shape and space, measures and data handling, through practical work and problem solving.



At the end of Year 4 the children will be assessed on their quick recall of the Times Tables in an online timed 'Multiplication Tables Check'. This is a new government initiative and this is the first year! There will be lots of practice during the year but please do all you can to help support your child learn all the Times Tables fluently. Times Tables Rock Stars, which has proved very popular, will continue and the children will be encouraged to take part in the 'battles'.

English, Topic and Science

We use high quality books as the starting point for all our English and Topic work so Geography, History, Music, DT and Art are taught through this book. Our book for the Autumn term is 'The Minpins' by Roald Dahl. Our topic work about The United Kingdom will include map work identifying counties, mountains and rivers, Our royal family, landscape artists and great British dishes! Our work in the Spring term will be based around The Egyptians. Science will be taught as a separate lesson once a week.



Computing

Your child will have a weekly computer session in which the children are introduced to new skills and will have other opportunities, throughout the week, to use the computers through other curriculum areas.



P.E.



Swimming (dependent on restrictions), Dance, Gym and Games will be covered in the P.E. sessions. Lessons will be on Wednesday and Thursday. Children will need shorts, tee shirt and trainers jogging trousers and sweat shirt, for these lessons. Please send your child to school already in their PE kit on PE days. Children with ear rings should either remove them or cover them with tape (provided by you), for P.E. lessons and should be removed completely for swimming lessons.

Throughout the year children will hopefully have opportunities to take part in sporting events, festivals and competitions with other schools in the Droitwich pyramid. Previously events have included: Boccia, New Age Kurling, Archery, Cricket, Orienteering, Tennis, Cross Country, Jump Rope, Tri Golf, Swimming, Bikeability and Dance.

Weather permitting the children will take part in 'The Daily Mile' each day so trainers are needed in school every day.

Wellies will be needed throughout the year for 'Wellie Friday'.



French

French is part of the Key Stage 2 curriculum and the children will continue from what they learnt in Year 3 in weekly lessons.

Homework

Every week the children will bring home their Learning Log with a task to complete. This will be given in class on Fridays and discussed with the children with suggestions on how to complete the task. There is no right or wrong way though and the children can be as creative as they like. The Learning Log should be returned to school on Tuesday. You can find out more about these by looking on the website www.learninglogs.co.uk.

The children will also have Times Tables practice worksheets to help them learn the times table for that week, which they will bring home on Wednesday, to be returned by the following Friday. This will be followed by a Times Tables test on Friday.

Rewards

The children have the opportunity to earn house points and Dojos, in class. You can watch their progress collecting Dojos by the App. The children can decide whether to spend these in the Dojo shop or save them for a bigger prize!

As a class the children will also be collecting Dojos, and once the required number is reached the whole class will earn a reward which they will decide on together. This is to encourage cooperation and team work.



On Friday two children will be awarded Merit certificates in assembly. These are awarded to pupils who have been outstanding in their attitude, approach and behaviour, during the week. One piece of work is chosen each week for the 'Work of the Week' board in the hall and then this piece of work goes on our 'Work to BEE Proud of' board in the classroom.

'Marvellous Me' badges are also sent out regularly.

The Pioneer Centre

In May, the Year 4 children will have the opportunity to take part in a residential trip to the Pioneer Centre at Cleobury Mortimer, for 2 nights. Some of the activities that the children may be involved with are: raft building, abseiling, zip wire and climbing wall. It is a great opportunity for the children's independence and for the children to make friends with children from Hindlip and Tibberton First schools, who join us on this visit. A meeting will be held in the Autumn term with more information and costs, after which a deposit will be required if you wish your child to attend. The rest will be paid in three instalments throughout the year.

There are other opportunities throughout the year, for the Year 4 children to be involved in at Witton and Westacre Middle schools, prior to their transition next September.

Other information

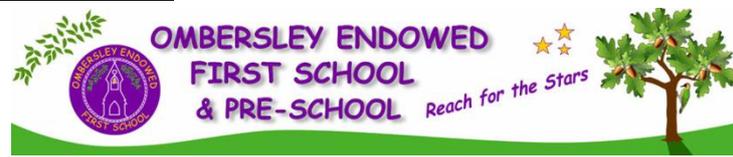
Letters sent home are put in book bags so please check regularly. Any letters or slips which need to be returned can be put in your child's book bag or put in the basket outside the school office. Please could any money sent in be put in a named envelope?

Newsletters will be sent out **fortnightly** with key dates and events on for the coming half term. Messages and information are also sent out via 'Marvellous Me' and there is a School Facebook and Twitter page where information is sent out and events shared. Please do not use this to air your grievances but come and find one of us to talk to us. We are quite approachable!



Children need to have a named water bottle in school which they will be able to access throughout the day. These will be sent home every day to be washed.

Ombersley website and Social Media



Do have a look at our school website to find out what your children have been doing. It is updated regularly and also has other useful information. <http://www.ombersley.worcs.sch.uk/web> or just Google Ombersley First School.

We hope that this booklet will be useful to you throughout the coming year. If you do have any problems, concerns please contact us by email or telephone. We always love to hear about the positive things as well as the negative!

We are looking forward to working with you and your children in the year ahead. Thank you for taking the time to read this information

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