

Year 4

Welcome Meeting

2024-25



Year 4 Staff

Black Class

Mrs Evans, Miss South, Mrs Denford, Mrs Kemp-Baker and Mrs Abbott.

White Class

Miss Hodkin, Mrs Meech, Mrs Orchard, Miss Moody and Mrs Robertson.



The School Day

Children enter and exit through their class doors at the beginning and end of the day.

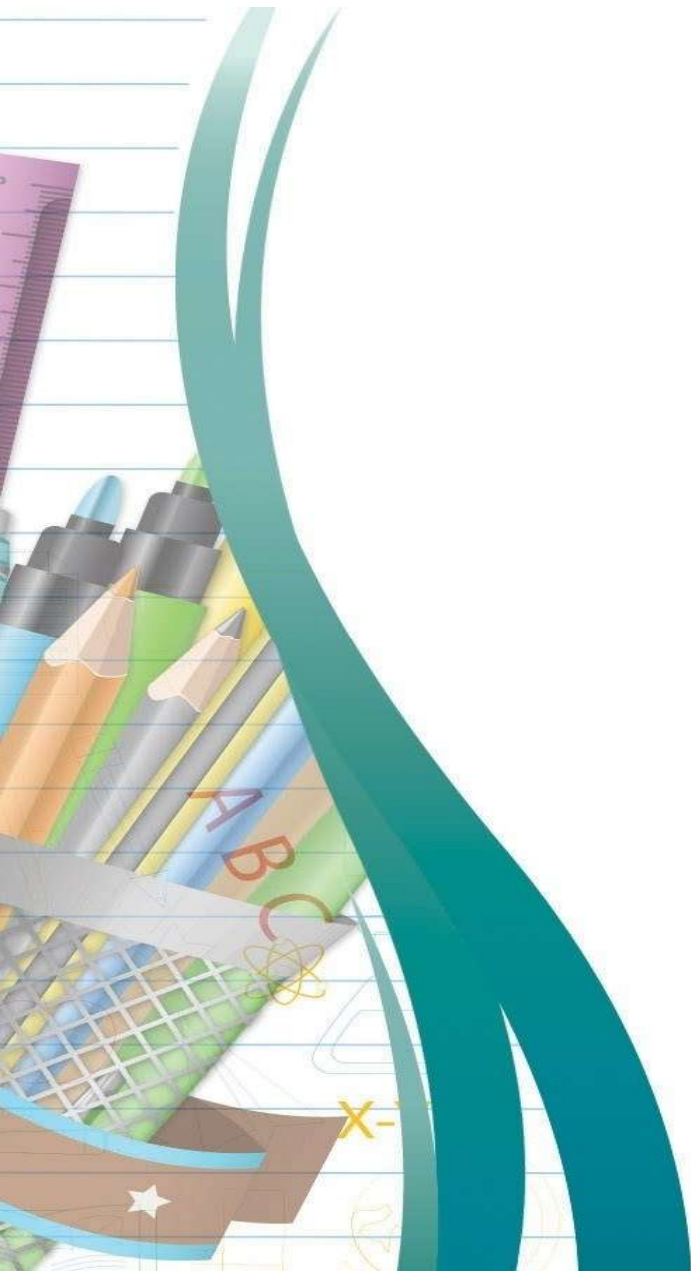
Start of day 8:45

Break time 11:00-11:15

Lunch 12:15-1:15

They will eat lunch in the hall first then go out to play.

End of Day 3:15



- Children need to bring in their own snack. This should be a healthy snack such as fruit and vegetables.
- Please do not bring in any nut items in snacks or lunchboxes.
- Children must bring in clearly labelled bottles of water to drink during the day.
- Children may bring a small pencil case.



PSHE/RSE

- RSE- Relationships and sex education in primary schools is now a statutory subject, alongside Health Education. Schools are also advised to provide a relevant, appropriate sex Education curriculum in the UK as part of their whole school PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) curriculum.
- In Primary schools, the government wants the subjects to put in place the key building blocks of healthy, respectful relationships, focusing on family and friendships, in all contexts, including online. This will sit alongside the essential understanding of how to be healthy.



Our Curriculum

- In school, we use The Medway scheme and an overview can be found on the school website.

Some key objectives we will cover are:

How can we manage our feelings?

To learn ways of managing feelings at times of loss, grief and change

How will we grow and change?

To learn about puberty and how bodies change during puberty.

School Uniform



Parents are encouraged to support us in providing the suggested items of clothing which can be purchased either from our School Shop (Emblem in Wickford: 18 The Broadway, Wickford, Essex, SS11 7AA) or at www.myclothing.com. We believe that uniform helps to create a school identity and the children should wear our uniform and the Abacus logo with pride.

Please note: Trainers and Hooded Sweatshirts/Jackets are not allowed in school.

We do ask that long hair be tied back and that designs or logos are not shaved into hair. No unnatural hair colours (dyed hair) or unconventional hairstyles will be accepted.

Our school colours are **PURPLE** and **GOLD**

Sweatshirt/Cardigan	Purple
Fleece	Purple
Trousers/Skirt/Pinafore	Grey
Polo Shirt	Gold
Girls' Dresses	Purple or Yellow Gingham
Footwear	Black shoes, no heels (no trainers)





PE

PE sessions : Tuesday and Thursday - PE

- PE kits are house colours t-shirts, black shorts, plimsolls/trainers, black track suits (for colder weather- we will still be going out as much as possible).
- Long hair must be tied back.
- Please help your child learn to tie their shoelaces.
- Children should come to school wearing their PE kits on their PE day. Children will wear their kit all day.



PE

Please no watches including fitness watches.

Please ensure that all earrings are taken out for PE days.

Essex County Council has informed us that school children are no longer allowed to tape up their ears to cover earrings for PE or other sporting activities. This is due to injuries received by several pupils across Essex. Therefore, children will need to be able to independently remove their earrings or they will be unable to take part.



Accelerated Reader

- Children should now complete their quizzes at home on <https://login.renaissance.com/12d2ca1d-ce1a-4d51-a184-eb994ba411a7/student?state=136c8fcb-31f1-4831-9975-92331d14dde9>
- Please ensure you have signed up to receive email updates about your child's progress. Please ask class teachers for your logins if you are unsure.
- Children can use www.arbookfind.co.uk/ to search whether a book is on Accelerated Reader or check the book level at home.



Reading Expectations

- Children must read at home at least three times a week and diaries must be signed by an adult to confirm that they have done so
- Reading diaries should be brought to school every day and will be checked on Fridays.
- If children fail to have their diaries signed for two weeks in a row, they will read in their playtime.



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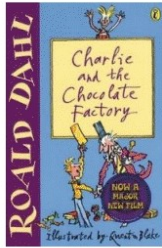
You can find recommended reads for individual year groups at <https://www.thereaderteacher.com/>

You can find more information about reading at Abacus on our website.

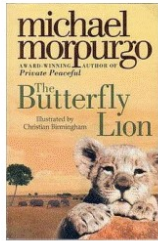
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In order to make good progress, children should read a range of authors and genres. Here are some recommendations:

100 Books To Read In Year 3 and 4



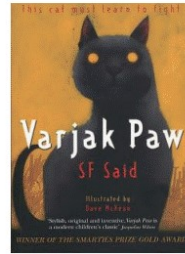
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Roald Dahl



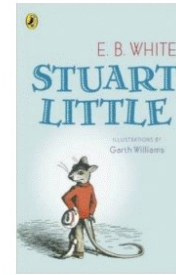
The Butterfly Lion
Michael Morpurgo



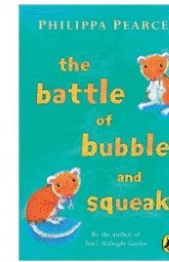
The Iron Man
Ted Hughes



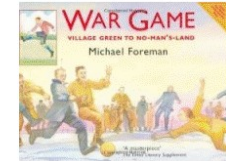
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S F Said



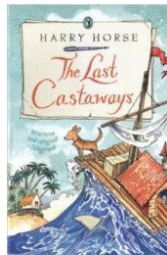
Stuart Little
E B White



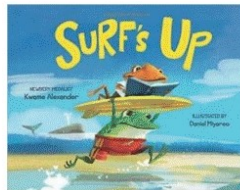
The Battle of Bubble and Squeak
Phillips Pearce



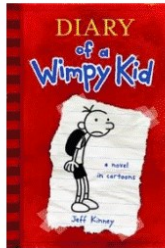
War Game
Michael Foreman



The Last Castaways
Harry Horse



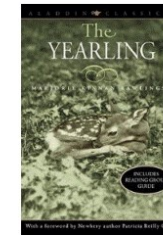
Surf's Up
Kwame Alexander



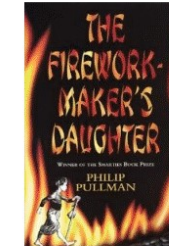
Diary of A Wimp Kid
Jeff Kinney



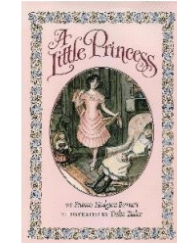
The Railway Children
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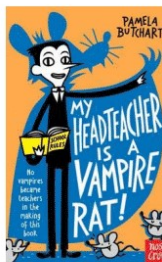
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Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings



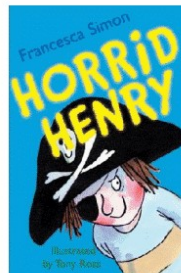
The Firework-Maker's Daughter
Phillin Pullman



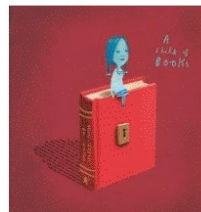
A Little Princess
Frances Hodgson Burnett



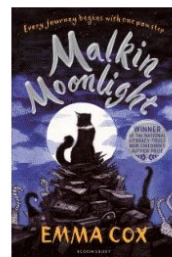
My Headteacher is a Vampire Rat
Pamela Butchart



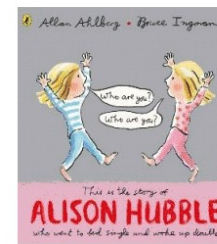
Horrid Henry
Francesca Simon



A Child Of Books
Oliver Jeffers



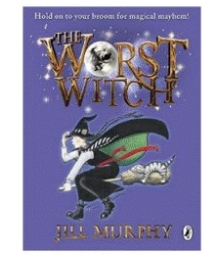
Malkin Moonlight
Emma Cox



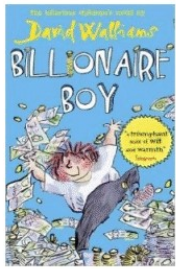
Alison Hubble
Allan Ahlberg and Bruce Ingham



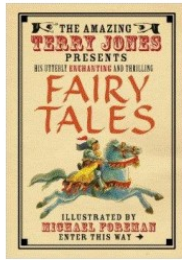
The Legend of Captain Crow's Teeth
Eoin Colfer



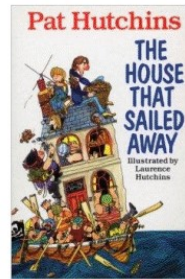
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Jill Murphy



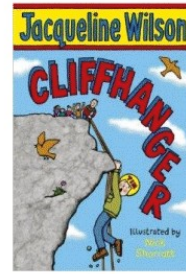
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David Walliams



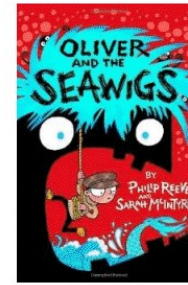
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Terry Jones



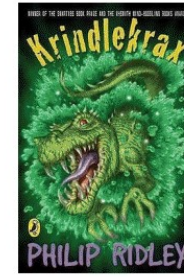
The House That Sailed Away
Pat Hutchins



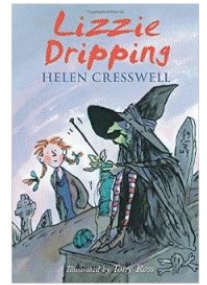
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Jacqueline Wilson



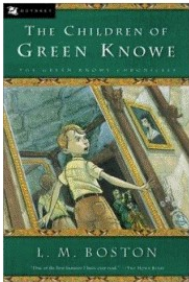
Oliver and the Seawigs
Phillip Reeve



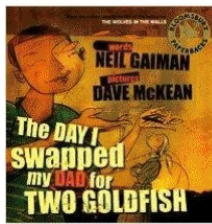
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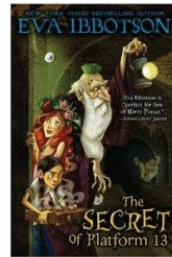
Lizzie Dripping
Helen Cresswell



The Children of Green Knowe
L.M. Boston



The Day I Swapped My Dad for Two Goldfish
Neill Gaiman



The Secret of Platform 13
Eva Ibbotson



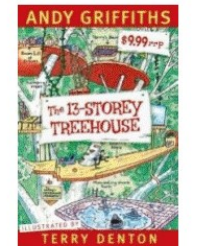
The Adventures of the Wishing-Chair
Enid Blyton



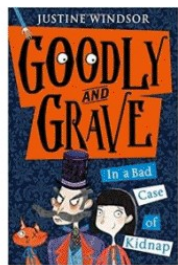
A Nest Full of Stars
James Berry



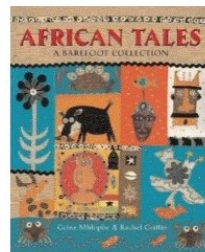
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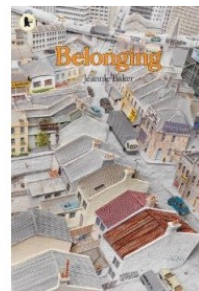
The 13-Storey Treehouse
Andy Griffiths



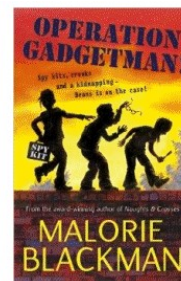
Goodly and Grave
Justine Windsor



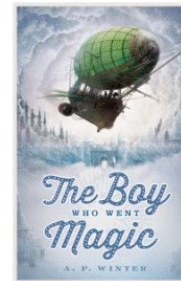
African Tales: A Barefoot Collection
Gcina Mlilo



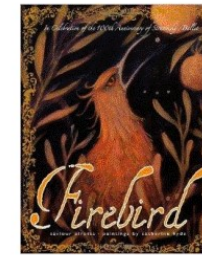
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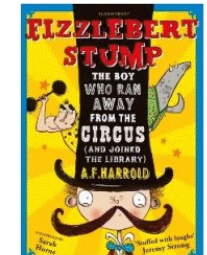
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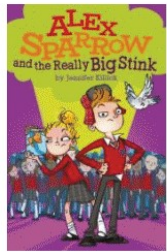
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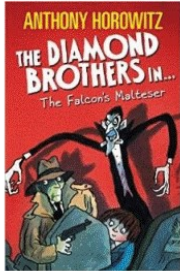
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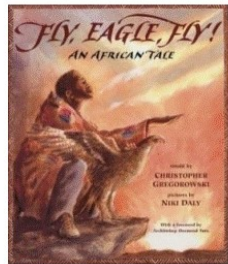
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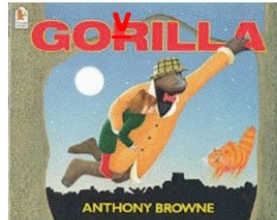
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Jennifer Killick



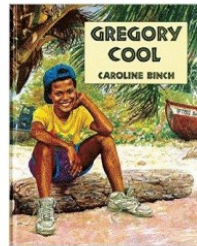
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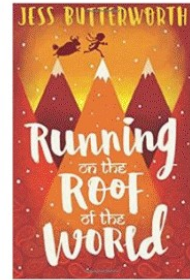
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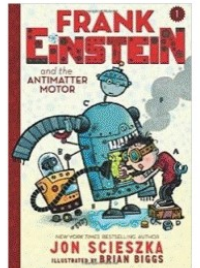
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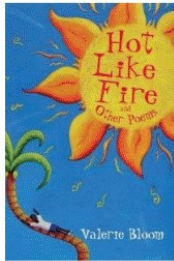
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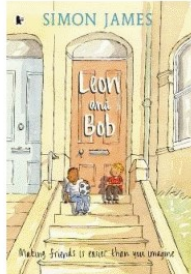
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Jess Butterworth



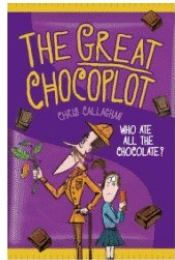
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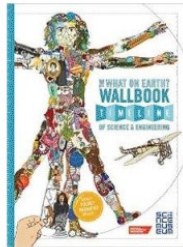
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Valerie Bloom



Leon and Bob
Simon James



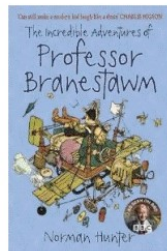
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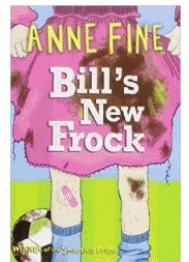
The What On Earth Wallbook
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Eric Appleby: Zero to Hero
Dan Worsley



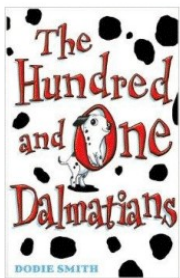
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Norman Hunter



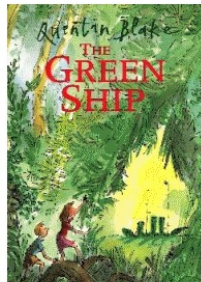
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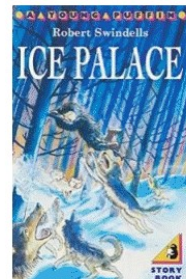
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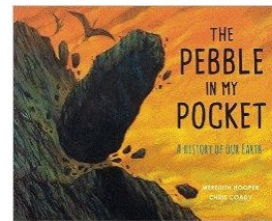
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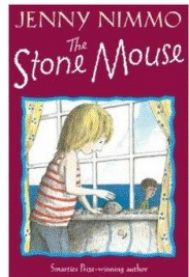
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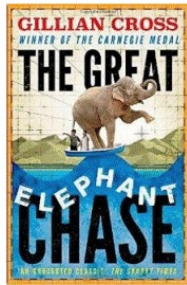
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Robert Swindells



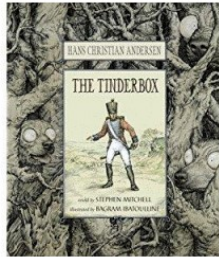
The Pebble in my Pocket
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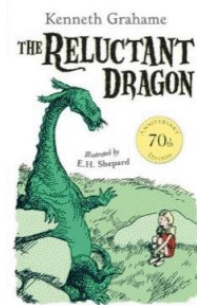
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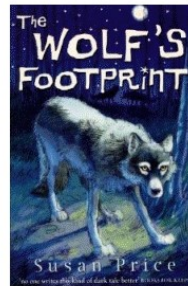
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Gillian Cross



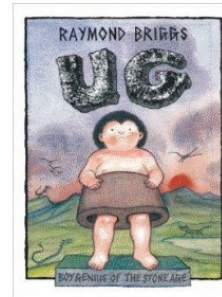
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Hans Christian Andersen



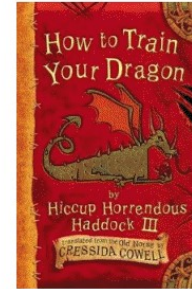
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Kenneth Grahame



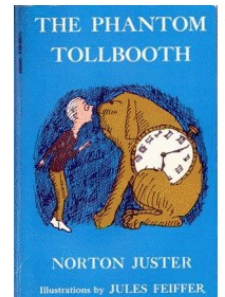
The Wolf's Footprint
Susan Price



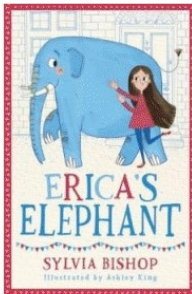
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Raymond Briggs



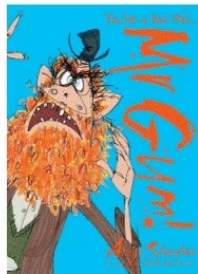
How to Train Your Dragon
Cressida Cowell



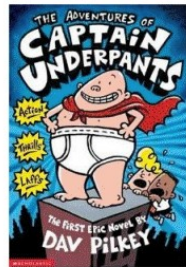
The Phantom Tollbooth
Norton Juster



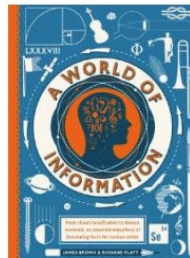
Erica's Elephant
Sylvia Bishop



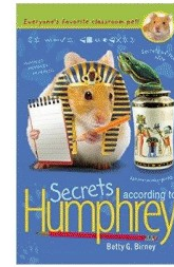
You're A Bad Man Mr Gum!
Andy Stanton



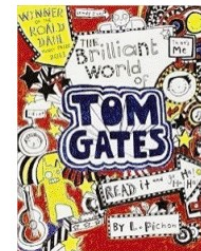
The Adventures of Captain Underpants
Dav Pilkey



A World of Information
Richard Platt



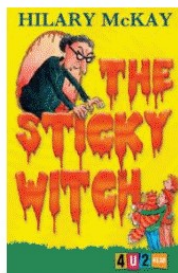
Secrets According to Humphrey
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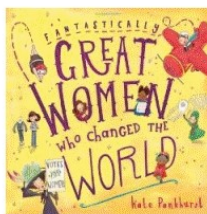
The Brilliant World of Tom Gates
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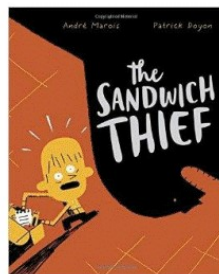
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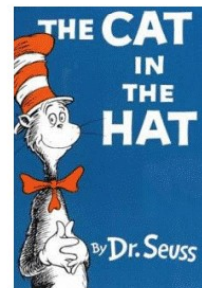
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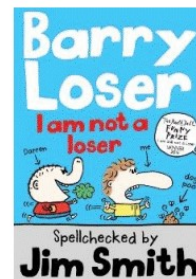
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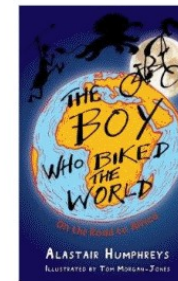
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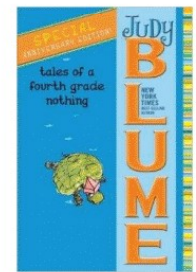
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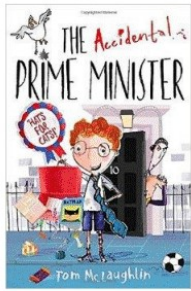
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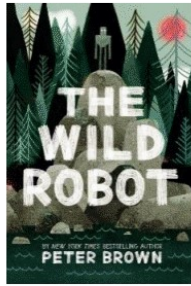
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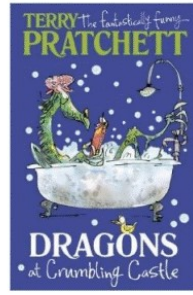
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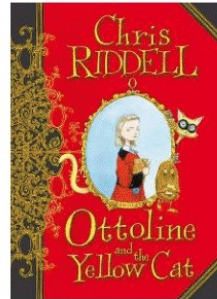
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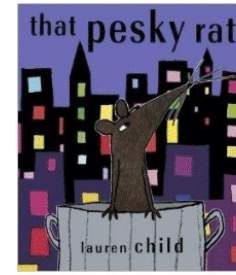
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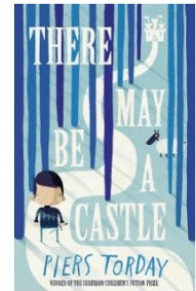
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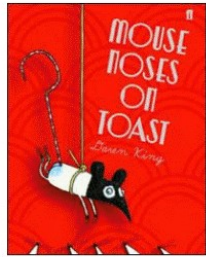
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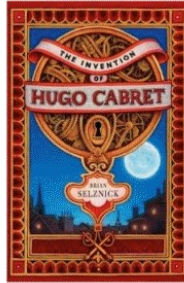
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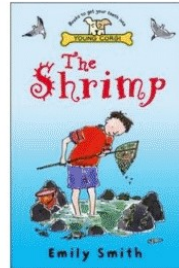
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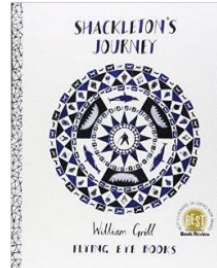
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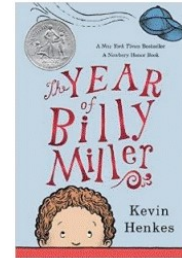
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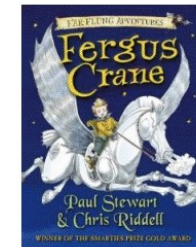
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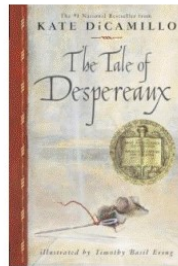
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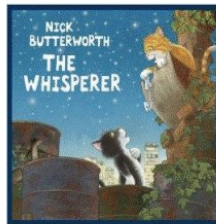
The Year of Billy Miller
Kevin Henkes



Fergus Crane
Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell



The Tale of Despereaux
Kate DiCamillo




The Whisperer
Nick Butterworth



Homework

- Children should regularly practise times tables on Times Table Rock Stars or other relevant apps as this will aid their basic understanding in all areas of Maths.
- Practise spelling the Year 3/4 spelling word list (in the reading record).



Statutory Multiplication Table Check

Children in Year 4 are now required to complete a statutory Multiplication Table Check (MTC) in June 2024. This is a timed electronic assessment made of 25 questions up to 12×12 .

Parent information:

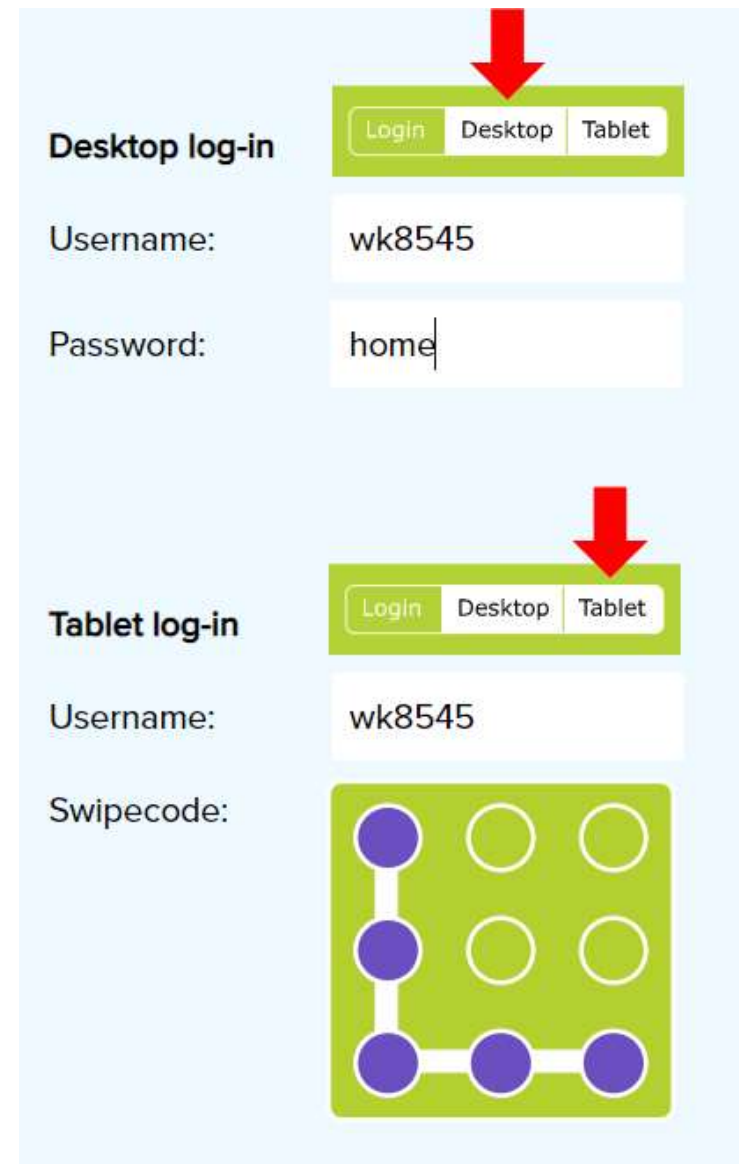
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Letter-join

We use the letter-join programme to teach handwriting from EYFS to Year 4.

Children are able to access this at home via a desktop or tablet at <https://www.letterjoin.co.uk/log-in.html> using the appropriate login.

Children can click on their class name to practice specific handwriting skills related to their year group or 'free play' for a range of skills.



The image shows two screenshots of the Letter-join login interface. The top screenshot is for 'Desktop log-in' and the bottom is for 'Tablet log-in'. Both have a red arrow pointing to the 'Login' button in the top navigation bar. The 'Desktop log-in' form has fields for 'Username:' (wk8545) and 'Password:' (home). The 'Tablet log-in' form has fields for 'Username:' (wk8545) and 'Swipecode:' (a 3x3 grid of circles, with the left column and bottom row filled with purple circles).

Desktop log-in

Desktop log-in

Username: wk8545

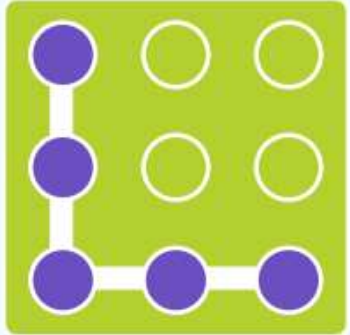
Password: home

Tablet log-in

Tablet log-in

Username: wk8545

Swipecode:





Communication

- Please continue to use the text system as a way of communicating with your child's teacher.
- Don't forget to look at the school website for the latest newsletters and calendar.



Online Safety

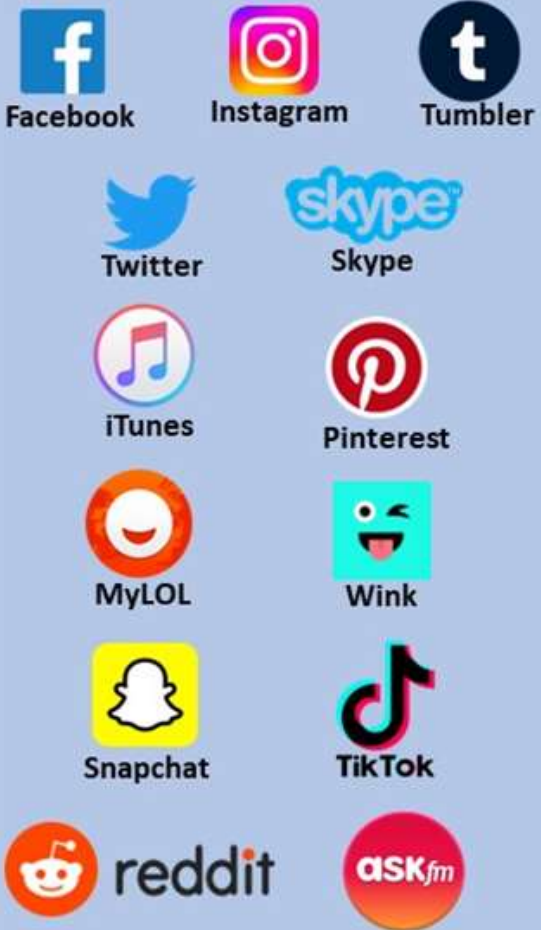
- Please continue to discuss online safety and monitor apps social networks and sites that children are accessing.
- Find helpful information and tips here.
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Social Media Age Restrictions

Under 13
(with parental consent)



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(13 with parental permission)





We are looking forward to ...

Our Year 4 residential



WB 19th May 2025

More information to come soon



Look out for our class curriculum journals, hosted digitally by Padlet!

For the last few years, each class has kept a scrapbook of their practical learning opportunities called a curriculum journal.

This year our journals will be hosted online using a digital tool called Padlet so you can enjoy them too! Padlets will be password protected so only parents and staff can access them. Please do not share screenshots, links or passwords externally.

We will update Padlets at least once a week. Please bear in mind that some subjects will have more practical activities than others, so you may not see every subject! Each Padlet will be different, but they'll look a little like this! 🖱️

We hope you enjoy browsing our Padlets once they're up and running. We will be sending out login details shortly, which will include a QR code and password.

