

Year 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are looking forward to a fun and exciting year ahead.

If you have any concerns or general question, then please don't hesitate to come and speak to us.

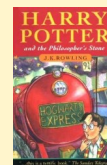
We hope to see you at the parent workshop.

Miss Oldham and Mrs Cornell. :)

English:

This term, children will be reading Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone. Alongside this book, children will be focussing on:

- Writing a set of instructions.
- Continuing to develop grammar skills.
- Writing their own narrative.
- Writing a book review.



Harry Potter has never even heard of Hogwarts when the letters start dropping on the doormat at number four, Privet Drive. Addressed in green ink on yellowish parchment with a purple seal, they are swiftly confiscated by his grisly aunt and uncle. Then, on Harry's eleventh birthday, a great beetle-eyed giant of a man called Rubeus Hagrid bursts in with some astonishing news: Harry Potter is a wizard, and he has a place at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. An incredible adventure is about to begin!

It would be great if you could ask your child what they have been learning about in reciprocal reading and their English lessons to reinforce the learning that takes place.

Remember to read at least 3 times a week and to fill in your Reading Journal! These will be checked every Wednesday.

Also, practise your spellings every day so that you become a super speller! Don't forget to bring your spelling book on a Friday.

Mathematics

This term pupils will be focusing on:

1	Number and place value; three and four digit numbers., finding multiples of a number.
2	Number and place value: reading, writing and comparing 4 digit numbers using < and >.
3	Mental multiplication and division: \times and \div facts for the 6 and 9 times tables, finding fractions of amounts.
4	Measurement: Telling the time to the nearest minute on analogue and digital clocks and calculating time intervals.
5	Written addition and subtraction; Add and subtract two 3-digit numbers using column addition.

Remember to practise your times tables daily!

Personal, Health, Social and Community Education (P.H.S.C.E.)

During this half term, we will be talking with the children about bullying, hurtful behaviour and building positive relationships.

P.E.

This half term pupils will be developing their skills in the areas of:

- Hockey

They will benefit from PE sessions with our specialist PE teacher — Mrs Aston—on a Monday afternoon each week.

Geography—Raging Rivers

This term, the children will be starting their topic on Rivers and Canals. We will be learning about the history canals, how they work, how rivers are formed, how we can preserve rivers and the animals that live in this habitat. We will also be strengthening our map reading skills by locating famous rivers and canals.

Music

This year, year 4 children are very lucky to be having weekly music lessons taught by a specialist music teacher. They will be learning how to play djembe drums while focussing on the rhythm, tone and pitch.



Spellings

Spellings will be given out on a Monday and tested on the Friday. Please encourage the children to practise their spellings ready for their spelling test.

Reading:

Children will continue to read weekly as part of our reciprocal reading sessions. We would appreciate it if you could encourage your children to read 5 times a week and record it in their reading journals.

Times tables:

There will be a weekly times tables test taking place on a Thursday. Please encourage the children to practise their times tables each day.

Important Dates:

- Tuesday 27th November - Harry Potter World Trip
- Friday 14th December—Christmas Fayre
- Tuesday 18th December—Djembe Drumming Performance
- Friday 21st December—Last day of term.