

Welcome to Year 4

Dear parents and carers,

We hope that you all managed to have a relaxing summer break, and we can't wait to welcome your wonderful children back to school. We have a very busy and exciting year ahead of us, and we really look forward to both working with your children and yourselves over the next academic year.

The year group is divided into 3 classes:

4A is taught by Miss Abraham

4S is taught by Miss Steele

4G taught by Mr Goodarzi

The year group is further supported by the lovely Mr Collingwood and Miss Pinnell.

English

This year, we will be exploring a wide range of text styles and genres in our English lessons, covering both fiction and non-fiction. Initially, we will be studying the wonderful *'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone'* written by J.K. Rowling. After kicking off our unit with our Harry Potter Day on Friday 8th September (children can dress up as one of the characters if they wish to), we will then base our first writing unit around this book. During the course of the term, there will be a big focus on basic skills, handwriting and on broadening vocabulary across a range of writing genres.

Reading

We shall continue to encourage our children to share our love of reading. As mentioned, we will begin the year by reading the iconic *'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone'*. We will explore a wide range of text types and each class will also have their own story book, which will be read to the class at the beginning of every afternoon.

Your child will be bringing home one of our level-appropriate books from our reading scheme. We are asking our children to read five times independently at home and we ask for your support in this by recording their reads on 'BoomReader' and, when possible discussing their reading. We look forward to hearing about what they have been reading. On Friday, we will be having a look on BoomReader to see how often the children have been reading at home. All children who read five times a week will be entered into a half-termly draw where they have the chance to win prizes.

Mathematics

We will be starting our work looking at place value, progressing on to addition, subtraction, multiplication and division in order to reinforce their calculation skills. In Year 4, children are formally assessed on their times tables in June, in line with the national multiplication tables check (there will be a parent meeting regarding this later in the academic year). Therefore, it is imperative that children can quickly and accurately recall all multiplication facts up to 12 x 12. We will be learning and practising tables in Maths lessons and would appreciate it if you could encourage your children to continue learning them at home.

P.E.

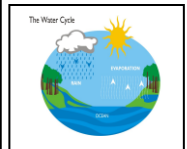
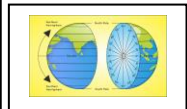
P.E kits are required to be worn to school on the day of your child's P.E. lesson. This term, P.E will be on a **Wednesday** afternoon. The school P.E. kit consists of plain black shorts or joggers, a plain black sweatshirt or hoody, a white t-shirt (with or without the school logo) and trainers. Please ensure that if your child wears earrings to school, these are either removed by the child themselves or taped up with tape provided from home.

P.P.A

The first PPA session will be on **Thursday 14th September 2023**.

- 4G are swimming in the first term and therefore will need their swimming kit every Thursday. They should come into school in their school uniform.
- 4S and 4A should come in P.E. kit on Thursday for PPA as one of their sessions will be P.E based.

This will change at the end of each term so that every class will have swum by the end of the year.





Wider Year 4 curriculum

This half term, we will be studying 'States of Matter' in science. We will be investigating states of different materials, how materials can change shape, which variables affect this, and how this links to the water cycle.

In geography this half term, we be studying lines of longitude and latitude, the equator, the different hemispheres and how this links to climates of different countries around the world.

In R.E, will be exploring the religion of Hinduism, looking closely at what Hindus believe God is like.

In R.H.S.E, we will look at what it means to be part of a team, what our rights and responsibilities are, understanding rewards and that actions have consequences and look at being a school citizen.

Uniform

Correct school uniform must be worn at all times, and all garments must be labelled with your child's name. The labelling of swimming kit and bags would also be extremely beneficial.

Snacks

In line with our HEART values, we aim to promote good health here at Trinity Primary School. With that in mind, only **fruit and vegetables** are permitted as break time snacks.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this newsletter. Below you will find a list of key dates and our timetable for the first half of the Autumn term. If you have any further questions, then please do not hesitate to get in touch via one of the email addresses shown below.

Kind regards,

The Year 4 team

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Key Dates:

- Wednesday 6th September 2023 – Autumn term begins
- Friday 8th September 2023 – Harry Potter Day
- Thursday 26th October 2023 – last day of Autumn 1
- Wednesday 20th December 2023 – Year 4 Christmas Carol Concert, Holy Trinity Church, 2pm start
- Friday 22nd December 2023 – last day of Autumn 2

Timetable



Year 4 Autumn 1 Timetable

2023-2024

	8.40	9.00	09:30	10:30	10.45 Break	11:00 – 12:00	12.00 Lunch	13:00 – 13:15	13:15 – 13:40	13:40 – 15:00	15:00
Monday	Morning Focus	Reading	English	Assembly		Maths		Class story	Spelling & handwriting	RE	End of the day activities
Tuesday	Morning Focus	Reading	English	Assembly		Maths		Class story	Spelling & handwriting	Science	
Wednesday	Morning Focus	Reading	English	Assembly		Maths		Class story		Computing PE Spanish	
Thursday	Morning Focus	Reading	PPA: Swimming /Music Art/PE	Assembly		PPA: Swimming/Music Art/PE		Class story	Spelling & handwriting	Maths RHSE	
Friday	Morning Focus	Praise Assembly	English	English		Maths		Class story	Spelling & handwriting	Geography	