

Friday 20th September 2024

Year 4 information letter

Welcome to Year 4!

We are really looking forward to teaching your child this year and would like to give some key information that may be useful to know.

This year's classes will be:

Maple: Mrs Benko-Robbins

Hawthorn: Miss Colley (Mon – Wed) and Mrs Driver (Thurs – Fri)

Teaching assistants: Mrs Peckham, Mrs Allen, Mrs Pryke and Mrs Crook

Dojo and Class Emails:

We will endeavour to keep you informed throughout the year through Class Dojo. If you would like to discuss your child's learning or have any concerns please email the class teacher at:

maple@sandfordprimary.dorset.sch.uk

hawthorn@sandfordprimary.dorset.sch.uk

Teachers will check these email boxes 2 – 3 times per week between the hours of 8am-5pm Monday – Friday.

For urgent issues or for attendance / absence notifications, please contact the school through the office email office@sandfordprimary.dorset.sch.uk.

Home Learning:

Children will be set weekly homework **every Wednesday** and due back in on the **Monday**. This will consist of one maths sheet and one spelling/handwriting sheet to practice. Homework is to be handed back the following **Monday** so we can go through it as a class.

Children can also practice their spellings on spelling shed (passwords will be stuck into homework folders).

Home Reading:

We expect all children to be regularly reading at home throughout the year. The more reading they complete at home, the better. Children will be expected to record **at least three reads** on Boom Read every week and they will be rewarded for their reading efforts at home with our Friday Reading Raffle.

Times Tables Rockstars (TT Rockstars):

Times tables is an essential part of Year 4 and all children will be taking the National Year 4 'Multiplication Tables check' in the summer term. To help children prepare for this, we would like all children to complete at least 10 minutes on TTRS each day. Children are still welcome to continue to use Numbots in addition to this. (passwords will be stuck into homework folders).

Uniform:

In line with our School Uniform Policy, we ask all children to wear:

- a school branded jumper/cardigan
- a white shirt
- school tie
- black shorts/trousers/skirt/ pinafore dress
- black school shoes (not trainers)

Hair longer than shoulder length needs to be tied up and there should be no jewellery or nail varnish.

Additionally, in Year 4, the children will not need pencil cases or phones in school.

PE Days:

PE Days for Year 4 are **Wednesdays and Fridays**. Children should come dressed in their correct PE kit on these days.

- White, school logo t-shirt or plain white round neck t-shirt.
- Black shorts, tracksuit trousers or leggings.
- Trainers
- Black sweatshirt or school jumper.
- No logos/brands/football tops or bright colours.
- Please make sure all uniform is clearly labelled.

Curriculum:

As well as daily Maths and English lessons, children will encounter a broad and balanced curriculum encompassing all curriculum areas. Please keep an eye on Dojo for messages and information throughout the year regarding current areas of study/focus.

Trips:

We do not have any firm arrangements for trips but we will endeavour to plan and provide a range of visitors, experiences and outings to enrich the topics we cover over the year.

Meet the Teacher:

We are offering a voluntary, informal drop-in session in Hawthorn on **Thursday 26th September between 3:15-3:45pm**. This is an opportunity to say hello, share any information about your child / family that you need us to know and to ask us any questions. There is no need to make an appointment, just simply turn up within the time window.

Kind regards,

Mrs Benko-Robbins, Miss Colley, Mrs Driver and the Year 4 team

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