Year 4
Introductory Parent/Carer Information Meeting



The Year 4 team



Class 4W

Mrs Wharton

Mrs McNeill

Class 4S

Mrs Stevens (Mon-Thurs)

Miss Wheeler (Friday)

Miss Price

Mr Grazier, Mrs Donaghy and Miss Wheeler will also be supporting the classes this year.



A typical day in Year 4



8.40: Classroom doors open for the children to enter school
8:45 – 9:10: Registration/Morning Maths
9:10 – 9:30: Whole School Worship
9:30 – 10:30: Maths
10:30 – 10:45: Morning break and snack time
10:45 – 11:00: Handwriting
11:00 – 12:00 English (spelling, grammar, drama, reading, writing)
12:00 – 13:00: Lunch
13:00 – 13:30: Reading/AR testing
13:30 – 15:00: RE/PE/Recorders/Science/Art/DT/Computing/HeartSmart
15:00 – 15:15: Class reader/Reflection



Spanish is taught every other Thursday

Lunch time



- Lunch is from 12:00 until 13:00.
- 12:00-12:30 playtime /12:30 - 13:00 eating in the hall
- The children will have their playtime outside our classrooms where they will play together as a year group.
- Please ensure school lunches are ordered in time.



Home time

- Year 4 finish at 3:15pm
- Please fill in the form to give permission for your child to walk down the path.
- We have a record of the children attending after school clubs and wrap around care.
- Please let us know of any changes ☺️



Homework



- Maths homework will be set each ***Friday***. This will either be in books or on MyMaths. Children will be provided with a link and login to the MyMaths page. Maths homework is to be returned by the following ***Wednesday***.

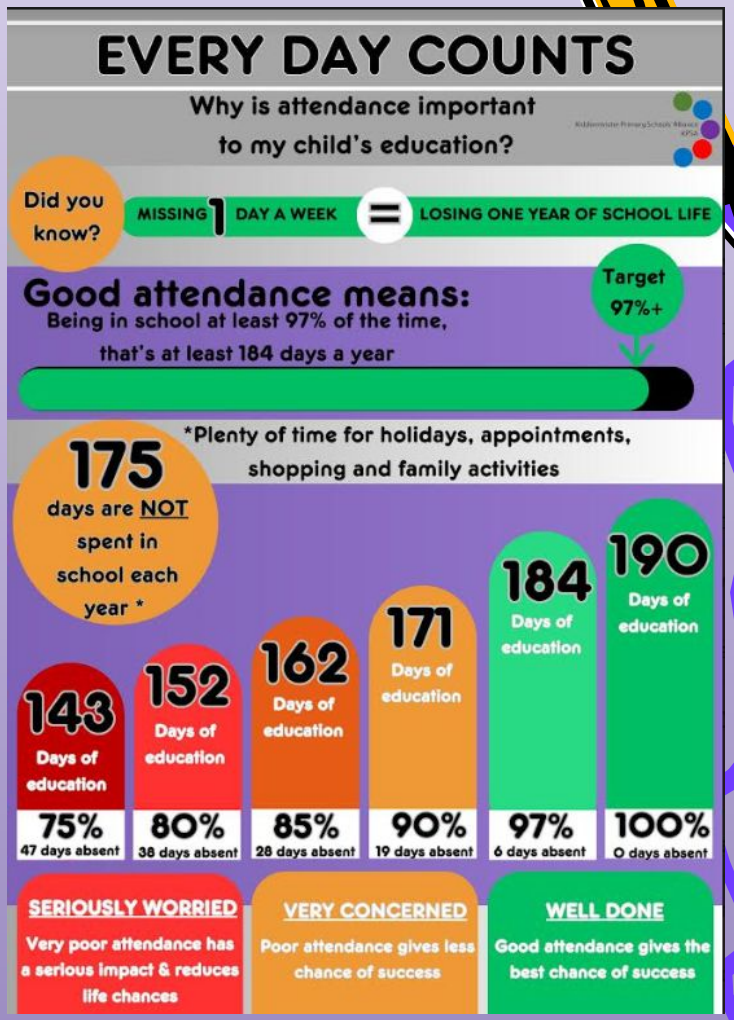
- English homework will be based around spelling and will be sent home in the children's homework book every Friday. Books to be returned by the following Wednesday.

- Reading and regular times tables practice (up to 12 x 12) is encouraged!



Attendance – Every day counts!

- Please note that FAMILY HOLIDAYS will not be authorised in school time. Remember our attendance target for every child is 96%, so we need to keep working together to raise attendance.
- If you request leave you must be able to demonstrate that the circumstances are exceptional. If your child is absent from school on a family holiday without authorisation the council to serve a Penalty Notice.
- If you need to request a leave of absence for your child please visit the school office for a leave of absence request form.



Reading



- The children will be heavily encouraged to develop their love of reading- our library is growing all the time and pupils are encouraged to read a wide range of genres and types of book.

- All children will use Accelerated Reader. Once pupils have read a book, they have the opportunity to take a quiz, earn points for themselves and add to the class word count.

- Quizzes can only be taken at school but you can find out if your books at home are suitable using the Accelerated Reader book finder (Google 'AR bookfinder')

- Pupils will track their progress on their AR bookmarks.



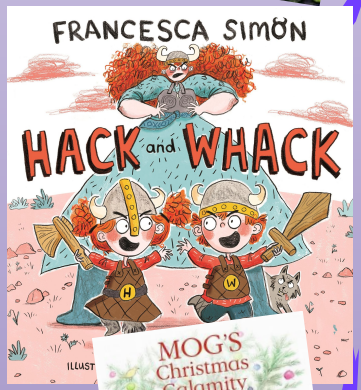
We recommend 10/15 minutes (or more) of reading time a day

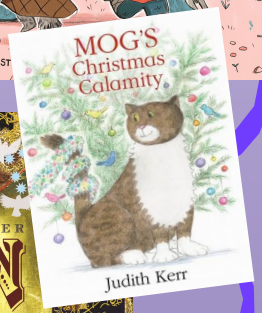
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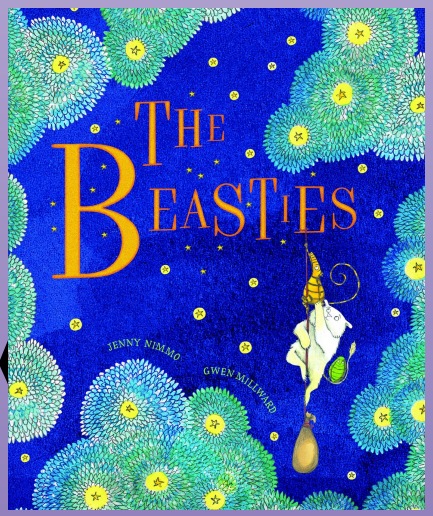
- The children will have the opportunity to write in a range of genres including: Non-chronological reports, persuasion, instructions, fictional writing.

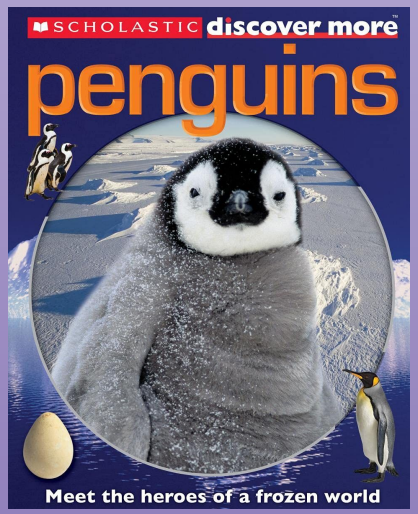
- Each unit of writing is based on a book, where we explore the text and use the format to help us construct our own pieces.

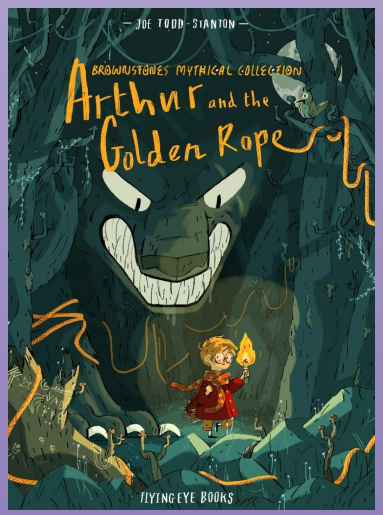














Maths

- A whole school approach - White Rose scheme supported by Power Maths.
- We have a particular focus on times tables in Year 4.
- Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check- Summer Term. Testing period is open for two weeks, starting from the 1st June 2026.
- In maths, we start each lesson by reading our key maths values:



St Catherine's Classroom Beliefs

- Mistakes are valuable.
- Everyone can learn maths to the highest level.
- Questions are really important.
- Depth is more important than speed.
- Maths is about making connections.

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Morning Maths



- Promptly starts at 8:45
- The first five questions will be focussed on arithmetic and using different strategies.
- The other five questions will include worded problems, 2 part problems etc.
- The purpose of Morning Maths is to help the children practice all the areas of maths they have covered so far, pre-teaching topics and recapping the previously taught skills and knowledge.



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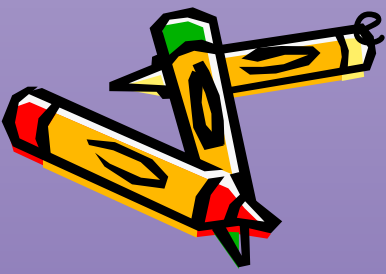
- All of Year 4 have PE on a ***Wednesday*** afternoon.Pupils should come to school on that day in their PE kits.
- Mr Grazier and Mrs Donaghy will support across both classes.
- Kit:
  - Indoor: coloured T-shirt, black shorts/skirt.
  - Outdoor: black joggers/tracksuit bottoms, coloured T-shirt, black jumper/hoodie and suitable trainers/pumps.

- Children with earrings can either take them out themselves or put tape over them for PE. Teachers are not allowed to take off or put in earrings for children.



House Points

- House Points are earned through children demonstrating one of our learning powers.
- These are: cooperation, perseverance, having a go, improvement, imagination, curiosity, enjoyment and concentration.
- Children work collaboratively to earn House Points for their team.
- Points are collated on a Friday. The winning team is announced in Celebration assembly.
    - The team with the most points at the end of each term will earn a reward.



Letters and slips

- Letters will go out to children at the end of the day and we would like to encourage the children to hand in any letters and slips themselves.

- Often if consent is needed, a Google form or a text will be sent out.



Discussing concerns

- Please speak to us ☺ We are available to speak to at the beginning and end of the day.

- If required, appointments can be made directly with the class teacher or through the school office.

- Designated safeguarding lead – Mrs Cope
- Deputy safeguarding leads – Mrs Brogan, Mr Medcalf, Miss Nolan, Mrs Barnes.

- SENCo – Mrs Barnes



Medications



- Following Worcestershire C.C. guidelines, only prescription medicines can be given by school staff. They should be handed in at the school office and not sent in with the children.
- Any inhalers or epi-pens left in school **must have a spacer** and be up to date and named.
- Lip balm or sun cream can be handed in via the pupils. However, we ask that you inform the class teacher of any of these coming into school so that nothing is left in bags or shared among students.
- Cough sweets are not permitted at school, the children are more than welcome to have one before they arrive.



Residential

- In Year 4 the children have the opportunity to go to Blackwell Adventure. The dates are Wednesday 6th May - Friday 8th May.

- Interest forms will be sent out later in the year.

- It is a three day residential where the children get to experience outdoor activities.

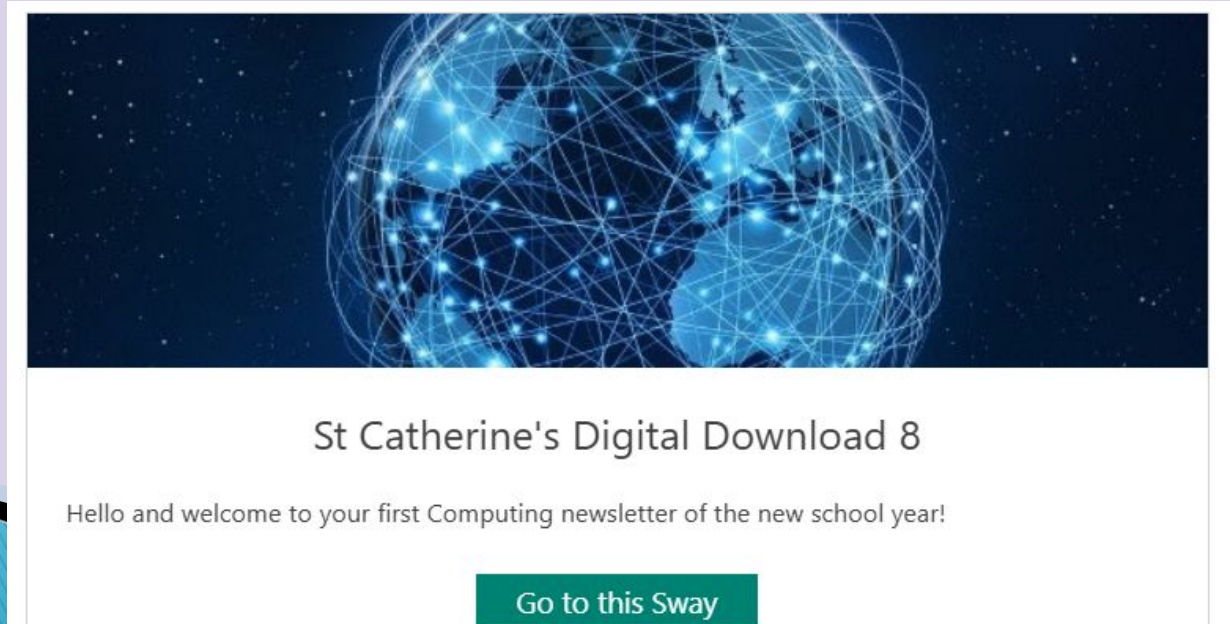
- The children who don't go will be doing 'off curriculum' activities at school.
  - » Prices and payment options can be discussed with the office over the phone or in person.



Wellbeing

As pupils grow, they often spend increasing amounts of time online or on devices. Help yourself to keep one step ahead with our monthly Digital Download newsletters.

This month's newsletter was sent out on Friday and features information about VPNs, group chats, technological attachment and an update on the latest online slang.



Spirituality

Our Definition of Spirituality at St Catherine's CE Primary School

Spirituality is:

- how we grow on the inside.
- how we make sense of life.
- how we connect with ourselves and those around us.
- how we connect with God and the world.

We explore spirituality through...



Heads – Experience

What have I learnt?
What can I take away from this new experience?



Hearts – Reflection

How has this experience made me feel?
Why might I be feeling this way?



Hands – Transformation

What do I need to do now?
How will I respond?
What will I do differently in thefuture?

Here's to a great year!

We look forward to working alongside you ☺

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to come and talk to us.

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