

Welcome to Year 4

We hope you have had a lovely summer and we are looking forward to lots of exciting times ahead with your children!

Year 4 Team



4A – Mrs Bracken
4B – Miss Harrison

Mrs Kavalashvili
Mrs Hayward

Expectations



- ▶ Be responsible for their own learning and conduct.
- ▶ Take pride in their work and try to produce their best in all lessons.
- ▶ Be kind and supportive to each other.
- ▶ Contribute to discussions with peers and adults.

Start and end times



- ▶ This year, we see the return of normal start and finishing times. Doors will open at 8:40 am and lessons will start at 8.50 am. The afternoon session ends at 3.15pm.
- ▶ Children will enter and exit via the KS2 hall doors.

Attendance and Punctuality



- ▶ Attendance and achievement go hand in hand.
- ▶ Poor attendance can result in academic under achievement, difficulty in making or keeping friends, and loss of a child's confidence.
- ▶ Punctuality – Please try to be on time every day. Even if children are only late by 5 minutes, this results in a lot of lost learning time across the whole year.

Lunch



- ▶ Lunchbreak will be 12.00 noon to 1pm and the children will have their lunch in the dinner hall as normal. The school policy continues to apply with regard to healthy packed lunches – please see our school website for further guidance (<http://www.harrowlodgeprimary.com/school-meals/>).

Equipment



- ▶ Although children may bring a bag and a lunch box into school, we are asking that all other items from home are kept to a minimum. Other than items for show and tell i.e., medals or trophies, children should not bring in toys or keepsakes from home to play in school.

Homework



- ▶ Reading books (and Bug Club) – children should spend 15-20 minutes reading each day and comments are to be added to your child's reading record by you.
- ▶ English homework will be linked to work in school and given out on Seesaw.
- ▶ Maths homework (on Mathletics) linked to work in school
- ▶ Spellings – again these will be published on Seesaw.
- ▶ Project boards linked to their topic will be advertised on our newsletter and should be completed by the end of the term.

Homework will be published on Friday and is expected to be completed by the following Wednesday.

PE



- ▶ Children may come to school wearing PE uniform on their PE days. Children are also able to wear their PE uniform for the day if they are participating in an after school club on that day.
- ▶ Y4 PE will be on a Wednesday. Please see the guidance for the PE uniform at the side of the page.

- Plain T shirt in the colour of their house
- Black shorts
- Plimsolls or plain black trainers
- Tracksuit- Burgundy top with school logo) and black tracksuit bottoms (**No leggings**)
- No jewellery
- Hair tied back

School Trips



- ▶ Each class will have an enrichment for the curriculum every half term or termly. This may be a trip, a visitor or a workshop depending on what the children are studying. This term we have organised a workshop on Vikings on 8th November linked to our topic on Invasion! and children will be asked to come in dressed up as an Anglo-Saxon or Viking for the day.

KS2 Assessment



Although there is some anxiety about the amount of learning that may have been lost during previous lockdowns, please be assured that we will be working hard to make sure that your child is able to catch up on their learning throughout the year no matter what their starting points.

Practice papers in tests will take place throughout the year to reinforce test conditions, celebrate learning and to ensure your child is confident and resilient. No child should be worried about tests or fear them but see them as an opportunity to show what they can do. Anything that they cannot do, will be recovered and retaught if needed.

Year 4 Times Tables



- ▶ Year 4 now includes a times tables test towards the end of the year. This is a statutory requirement set by the government and has been reintroduced for June 2022 following the cancellation last academic year. In order for your child to do well in this assessment, it is vital that they have a rapid and accurate recall of all times tables facts up to 12 x 12. We will be teaching children times tables throughout Year 4 but practise at home (little and often) also plays a vital role in helping children to remember and recall the number facts. More information about these tests can be found on the government website:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents>.

Contact



- ▶ If you would like to speak to your child's teacher or have any concerns, you can contact us at one of the following addresses:

▶ sbracken@harrowlodgeprimary.com

▶ lharrison@harrowlodgeprimary.com

A member of staff will respond to your email within 48 hours.

All urgent messages, including absences, should be reported to the school office in the usual way.

We hope that you will enjoy working alongside the Year 4 team and we hope your child has a happy, healthy and successful year.

