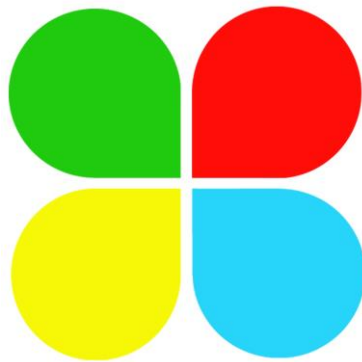


Kelvedon St Mary's
Primary School



YEAR 4

HANDBOOK FOR
PARENTS

Welcome to year 4. The year team consists of the following adults:

Miss Taylor (Year team leader) Mrs Short (Class teacher)

Mrs Hall (LSA) Mrs Greenall (LSA) Mrs Connelly (LSA) Mrs Prideaux (LSA)

6Rs

We teach all of the children to be good learners and to build their learning power through the 6Rs.

Good learners are:

- Responsible
- Reflective
- Resourceful
- Resilient
- Reasoning
- Risk Taking

Uniform

The school dress code is (the school uniform should be worn with pride and shirts must be tucked in at all times):

- White or blue shirt, t-shirt or dress
- Blue school sweatshirt or cardigan
- Grey or black skirt, pinafore or trousers
- Black shoes (trainers and high heels are not permitted)
- School tie (optional)

* Nail polish and make up are not permitted.

** Stud earrings and a watch are the only jewellery permitted (except SOS identification).

PE Kit

All children should have their P.E. kit in school every day. The school P.E. kit consists of:

- Blue shorts
- A house coloured (or existing white) t-shirt
- A pair of plimsolls / trainers in school every day.
- Football shirts and other kit are not permitted
- Watches must be removed for all sporting activities and P.E lessons.
- All earrings have to be removed for P.E. (under Essex County regulations, children are no longer permitted to tape their earrings for P.E.).

Teacher Communication

Should parents need to pass on a message to the class teacher they should write a note in their child's home / school log or enclose a letter. Your child then needs to hand this directly to the class teacher. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher, please make an appointment to talk to them after school via the office.

Art Apron

Please provide your child with a clearly labelled old shirt for art lessons. This should stay in school throughout every term.

Water bottles

Only clear plastic water bottles containing water are permitted; water bottles can be purchased from the school office.

Homework

Numeracy homework will be set weekly. Creative literacy homework will be set on a half termly basis and will consist of a choice of weekly tasks which must be handed in on a Thursday. In addition the children will have weekly spellings and times tables to learn.

If your child requires support from their teacher to complete their homework please ensure they ask for this in ample time. Children who fail to hand their homework in will be required to complete the task during break or lunch time.

Reading

We expect the children to read to an adult at home three times a week and to take responsibility for changing their book when it is finished. Please write in your child's home / school log once you have heard them read.

As of previous years, children will be using accelerated reader. This is an assessment quiz to test the children on their knowledge and understanding of the book they have just read. It will also be used to ensure they are choosing appropriate texts for their reading ability and to help monitor progress throughout the year.

Marking codes

^^^^^ - Spelling error

^ - Something missing, missing punctuation or punctuation error

VF – Verbal feedback given

GG – Guided Group supported activity

EBI – Even Better If ... (next steps)

WWW – What worked well

LOA – Learning objective achieved

// - New paragraph

Routines

In the morning, children should make their way into their classroom from 8:45 am; they should be at their desk ready to learn by 8:55 am. At the end of the day children will be dismissed onto the junior playground by their teacher.

Expectations

Your child will be challenged by an adult if they do not conform to the standards above. Please do not put your child in a compromising position. Parents are expected to check for letters and information in book bags every day.

Important dates

12/09/17:	Year 4 parent meeting – 3:30pm
19/09/17:	Year 4 parent/pupil English – 9.00pm – 9.30am
15/11/17 – 16/11/17:	Parent Consultations 3:30 pm – 7:00 pm
09/01/18:	Year 4 parent/pupil maths – 9.00 – 9.30am
07/02/18 – 08/02/18:	Year 4 / 5 production
28/02/18 – 01/03/18:	Parent Consultations 3:30 pm – 7.00 pm
TBC	Year 4 overnight residential

Any further important dates, such as open door sessions, will be printed in the weekly newsletters, so please ensure you read either the paper copy sent home or the online version available on the school website.

Learning

Everyday children will learn to write and practise writing; learn to read and apply reading skills; practise mental number skills; learn mathematical concepts and apply them to problem solving. The children will have the opportunity to experience a variety of mathematical concepts through the year and a range of text types in literacy. These core skills will be applied to different areas of our learning throughout the day under the following termly themes.

Term	Topic
Autumn (1 st half)	Shark Tale
Autumn (2 nd half)	Thundering Thor
Spring (1 st half)	Party in the U.S.A
Spring (2 nd half)	River deep, mountain high
Summer (1 st half)	Vive La France
Summer (2 nd half)	World Cup