



## HILDENBOROUGH CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### Curriculum Newsletter Term 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 4! We hope that you and your family had an enjoyable and relaxing break and that your child is ready and excited to embark upon their Year 4 learning journey. This term, we have some very exciting learning from the finding out about the Roman Invasion to learning songs that we will be singing when we visit the O2 Arena for Young Voices in January! We also have our London trip to the theatre to look forward to at the end of this term for the production of *The Mystery of the Little Angel Theatre*. The children can't wait to get started!

Alongside this newsletter, we have attached knowledge organisers for this term's foundation subjects and a spelling overview, which will provide you with a useful overview of what the children will be learning about this term. Please use these as a resource to support and extend your child's learning at home if you wish to. To give the children time to settle into the new school year, we won't be setting any home learning for the first couple of weeks but would encourage the children to read as much as possible! We are looking forward to meeting with you all at 'meet the teacher' on Monday 9th September, but if you have any questions or queries in the meantime please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Below is the outline of the curriculum areas we will be covering this term – we look forward to meeting with you all soon and working with your child to have their best year yet!

Subject	Areas to be covered
<b>Maths</b>	We will continue to use Maths No Problem which is in line with the Singapore Maths approach. This encourages children to use manipulatives to support learning and approach mathematical problems in different ways. Children will also be developing their mathematical thinking in a range of contexts with particular focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading, comparing, ordering, rounding and estimating numbers up to 10,000</li> <li>• Adding and subtracting whole numbers to 10,000. Children will gain a deep understanding of how to use the column method as well as mental methods for addition and subtraction. Pupils will be encouraged to think about when is the most appropriate time to use each method when solving word problems, visualising the problems using the bar model.</li> </ul>
<b>English</b>	Our focus text this term is ' <b>George's Marvellous Medicine</b> ' by Roald Dahl. We will use this book to drive our learning in fiction and non-fiction writing, where the children will be learning to write instructions for their own marvellous medicines! We will learn to use of a <b>range of sentence types</b> as well as developing our use of <b>punctuation</b> . Spelling and grammar will be taught throughout the week and will incorporate handwriting practise.
<b>Science</b>	Our Science topic for the rest of this term is ' <b>States of Matter</b> '. We will be learning about <b>solids, liquids and gases</b> and how they can change into one another. We will be looking at their <b>properties</b> and how this plays a role in these scientific events. In order to complete our learning, we will be carrying out a range of <b>investigations</b> , either as a whole class or in groups, to build on our ' <b>problem solving</b> ' skills, as well as to develop our scientific

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	vocabulary further. Our ‘Big Question’ to research for science homework is ‘Does gas have weight?’
<b>RE</b>	Our RE learning this term will be about <b>Creation/Fall</b> , in particular, answering the big question, <b>What can Christians learn from the creation story?</b> Throughout the unit, we will be exploring the answers to these questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the wow factors of our natural world?</li> <li>• What is important in the creation story?</li> <li>• What can we learn about God’s vision for humans in the creation story?</li> <li>• What does being ‘God’s steward’ mean to Christians?</li> </ul>
<b>Computing</b>	Our Computing focus this term and term 2 is <b>Online Safety</b> . The children will learn how to stay safe when communicating with others online as well as how to become discerning users of the internet when researching information. The children will be taught how to assess whether the information they are being given is factual and reliable.
<b>History</b>	This term we will be visiting the <b>Romans and the Roman Empire</b> through our history topic, including the Roman invasion of Britain. During this unit the children will encounter Julius Caesar and Emperor Claudius. They will also look closely at how the Roman Army was organised and evaluate what made them so successful. In addition, the children will learn about the rebellion led against the Romans by the Celtic queen of the Iceni, Boudicca.
<b>Art</b>	During our Art topic on <b>Light</b> , the children will learn how artists use tone to show form. Through creating their own still life drawings, the children will learn how to use dark and light to create 3D effects and cast shadows.
<b>Spanish</b>	This term, the children will be building on their basic phonetical knowledge as well as Spanish vocabulary linked to the classroom.
<b>PE</b>	During term 1, PE will take place every <b>Tuesday</b> and we will be learning to play <b>badminton</b> . <b>Forest School</b> lessons will be every <b>Wednesday</b> morning.
<b>Music</b>	Along with Year 3, we will be learning a range of <b>Young Voices songs</b> from <i>Hairspray</i> to pop medleys and classics such as <i>Lean on Me</i> by Bill Withers in preparation for our trip to the O2 Arena in January.
<b>PSHE and P4C</b>	We use a comprehensive <b>PSHE programme</b> to support us in developing fully rounded children who are healthy, sociable and emotionally literate. It covers key concepts and skills to support pupils’ spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development and teach British Values. The programme builds on the core theme areas identified by the PSHE Association: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health and Wellbeing</li> <li>• Relationships</li> <li>• Living in the Wider World</li> </ul> This term we will be focussing on <b>family and Relationships</b> .



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### Parent Information

#### Year 4 Staff



#### Teachers

Miss Nixon – Monday to Friday

#### Teaching Assistants

We are very lucky to have support from Mrs Coomber, Miss Brooks and Miss Richards (on different days) this term. Mrs Rugg, Mrs Coomber and Miss Brooks – Forest School/PPA cover on Wednesday mornings

### Home Learning



Home learning will begin on Monday 9th September. Please also ensure that your child is reading daily at home and continues to regularly practise their times tables on Times Table Rock Stars.

Homework books are expected in school **every Monday** and reading diaries should be in school **every day**. House points will be awarded for children who remember them!

### PE and Forest School



PE during term 1 will take place on Tuesdays. Please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school every day. They will need:

- their house-coloured PE t-shirt
- black/navy shorts or a skort (in warmer weather)/jogging bottoms (in colder weather)
- trainers
- grey/white socks.

We are fortunate to have Forest School every Wednesday morning this year! On Wednesdays, please send your child into school in their Forest School clothing with their school uniform in a named carrier bag. Depending on weather, we would recommend children wearing the following items for forest school:

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- ✓ Warm socks
- ✓ Layers are best- leggings and jogging bottoms
- ✓ T-shirt/long sleeved top
- ✓ Jumper or fleece
- ✓ Waterproof trousers or all in one suits
- ✓ Waterproof jackets or all in one suits
- ✓ Hat, scarf and gloves
- ✓ Wellington boots.

### What do children need to bring to school?



Please can children bring the following items each day:

- A book bag or a **small** rucksack. No large bags please.
- A clearly labelled water bottle.
- A packed lunch (if not having school lunch).
- Their reading book and reading record.
- Their PE kit.
- A sun hat and sun cream when the weather is warm (if they can self-administer and weather permitting).
- A coat/hats and gloves (weather permitting).
- A **small** pencil case (this needs to be able to fit in their desk drawer – fairly flat is best!).

If the weather is warm, parents will be advised to put sun-cream on their child before coming to school. **Children are only allowed to bring into school the items listed above**, ie. no, toys etc.

### Communication



If you have any urgent messages, these can be given to a member of staff on the school gate each morning. If you wish to speak to us in person, please come and see us at school pick up or phone the school office to arrange an appointment.

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### Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.35-9.00	Early Work Registration	Early Work Registration	Early Work Registration	Early Work/TTRS Registration	Early Work/ERIC Registration
9.00-9.20	Worship	Worship	Worship	Worship	Worship
9.20-9.30	Times Tables <a href="#">Times tables collection - BBC Teach</a>	Times Tables <a href="#">Times tables collection - BBC Teach</a>	PPA	Forest School Spelling test	Times Tables <a href="#">Times tables collection - BBC Teach</a>
9.30-10.30	Maths	Maths			Maths
10.30-10.45	Morning Break	Morning Break			Morning Break
10.45-11.00	ERIC	Spelling - Dictation			Spelling - Teach 2
11.00-12.00	English	English	11:30 Spelling - Teach 1	English	English - Reading
12.00-1.00	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime
1.00-1.15	Registration/TTRS Library	Registration/Story	Registration/Story	Registration/Story	Registration
1.15-2.10		PE	Maths	RE	Science
2.00-3.00	Geography	Music	English	DT	PSHE/Spanish

### Behaviour systems/Values Points

As a school, we have introduced a new Behaviour and Positive Relationships Policy-please refer to this policy to see how positive behaviour for learning is encouraged at Hildenborough.

We are looking forward to working with you to support your child’s progress this year. Any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks,  
The Year 4 team 😊