

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thursday 6th November 2025

Welcome back! We hope you had an enjoyable and restful half-term break. We are very excited for the term ahead. This term we will celebrate our learning in history by holding an 'Egyptian Day' at school on Friday 12th December (more information about both will be sent soon). Outlined below are expectations for Year 4. Please see the attached Topic map for details of the curriculum.

**Key Dates:**

**Tuesday 11th November** - Parents' evening 4:00- 6:30pm

**Thursday 20th November** - Parents' evening 4:00- 6:30pm

**Wednesday 12th November- 4M** - whole class Go Wild session

**Wednesday 19th November- 4D** - whole class Go Wild session

**Friday 12th December** - Egyptian Day (at school)

**Wednesdays: 26th November, 3rd December, 10th December** - small group Go Wild sessions

**Sensible Pencil cases**

Please ensure that your child has an appropriate pencil case (which **must** be able to fit in their trays) and replenish the equipment. Please note that children are responsible for letting parents and carers know what needs to be replenished. KS2 class teachers are not provided with extra equipment to do unfortunately. **Glue sticks are particularly scarce and used in every lesson. If you have any concerns about providing these resources, please email the office.**

**Essential equipment for daily work includes:**

- **HB writing pencils x 3 - due to be replaced**
- colourless glue-stick
- small sharpener (preferably with a 'bin' attached)
- a rubber
- 30cm ruler (without hinges)
- colouring pencils

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## Homework

Children are expected to practise their reading, spellings and times tables daily. Your child was given a purple homework book to practise in. Please note, there is no requirement to hand these in. We recommend children spend 15 mins reading, 10 mins on spellings and 10 mins on times tables each day.

**Reading** - It is a school-wide expectation that children should read daily and that this is recorded in reading records (by the child or an adult). Children should bring in their reading records and take them home every day as they contain important log in details. When reading, please mark down the date, book title and the pages read. Record books will be monitored weekly by an adult.

**Spellings** - The children will continue to have daily spelling lessons to learn spelling rules with a dictation spelling test every Friday. Spelling rules will be sent home for each half-term. Practising writing their spellings at home as well as in-school is essential to help 'overlearn' spellings to maximise memorability.

**Times Tables** - It is important children practise their times tables and division facts daily in preparation for the 'The Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)' in June. As a result, we would like children to spend 30 minutes a week on TT Rockstars or <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>. Here, your child can practise the quantity and speed of questions similar to the MTC. Times table knowledge will be tested regularly in class.

## PE

4M - indoor PE on Mondays, outdoor PE - orienteering, on Tuesdays

4D - swimming on Mondays, outdoor PE on Wednesdays

Children need to come to school in PE kit on those days.

## Swimming Lessons

Our swimming lessons are held at Whitgift School pool. Your child will need to bring an appropriate swimming costume - a one piece costume for girls (no bikinis please), and trunks for boys (no shorts please as staff cannot help to tie drawstrings); a towel and swimming hat (for those with shoulder length hair or longer). These should be brought in a suitable bag each Monday. Please note, if a child has a verruca they can still swim, but will need a verruca sock, which is a rubber close-fitting sock that you can buy in a chemist. Whitgift School have advised that if a child has head lice then they cannot swim. Please check your child's head regularly and treat any outbreaks.

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We will be walking to Whitgift School (so please ensure that your child has a suitable jacket with them). The sessions are in the morning and we'll leave school at approximately 10.00 am on the dates outlined below:

**Mon 10th Nov**

**Mon 17th Nov**

**Mon 24th Nov**

**Mon 1st Dec**

**Mon 8th Dec**

We are still using **ClassDojo** to communicate any class notices (such as school trip information and class news) and pictures. ClassDojo also has a messaging feature for teacher-parent communications, however, please note that any pressing issues or concerns should not be shared here. Appointments to discuss any concerns should be made via the office and we will happily make time to see you.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 4 Team

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