

Year 4 Information Meeting



Staff in Year 4

Maple	Elm	Beech
Teacher: Mrs Mendez	Teacher: Miss Malone	Teacher: Miss Cook
Assistant: Mrs Baker	Assistant: Mrs Nowak	

English

The main texts we will be studying this term are:

- Escape from Pompeii
- Until I met Dudley

We will be writing in a variety of genre this term:

- Descriptions
- Explanatory texts
- Letters

Science

We have two topics this term:

- Electricity
- States of matter

Maths

Our maths framework has an emphasis on a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts. We also focus more on number at the start of each year as number underpins the entire maths curriculum. Problem-solving will be used to explore and reinforce understanding.

- Number: Place value
- Number: Addition and Subtraction
- Number: Multiplication and Division
- Measurement: Length and Perimeter

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Art/DT

- Power prints
- Structures - Pavilions (DT)

Computing

Collaborative learning
(Google Classroom)
Coding with Scratch

Religious Education

- Inspirational people

Music

Mama Mia! Children will learn to sing, play, improvise and compose.

Extended task/Project

Biography on an inspirational person

MFL Spanish

- Greetings
- Numbers
- Classroom instructions
- Days and months
- School room names
- Classroom objects

PE/Games

- Dance/Hockey
- Gymnastics/Netball

History

The Romans – investigating how they have influenced our lives in Britain today.

Geography

Earthquakes and Volcanoes - describing and understanding key aspects of physical geography.

PSHE

Rights and responsibilities in school and the wider world.
Growing and Changing

Equipment

Please could children bring a reasonably sized pencil case into school each day with:

- ▶ several lead pencil,
- ▶ green pen (for editing),
- ▶ rubber,
- ▶ pencil sharpener,
- ▶ small ruler,
- ▶ set of colouring pencils,
- ▶ glue stick,
- ▶ whiteboard pen(s)/rubber
- ▶ scissors.

Morning Break time

- ▶ Your child may bring a fresh fruit or vegetable snack for break time.
- ▶ We do not allow them to have fruit flakes, cereal bars, chocolate biscuits etc.



Maths Sets

Maths

Maths is taught in sets.

Maths homework aims to reinforce the concepts we have learnt.

We encourage your child to practise their times table facts as often as possible.

PE

- ▶ PE kit should be in school every day, clearly marked with child's name.
- ▶ PE kit: Whiteheath PE kit or black shorts, white T-shirt and trainers. A plain coloured tracksuit is required for colder weather.
- ▶ There is one outdoor and two indoor PE lessons each week. This term, our indoor PE is dance and gymnastics and outdoor PE sessions will focus on Hockey and Netball. The third indoor PE lesson will be focused on fitness.
- ▶ Weekly PE lessons are a curriculum requirement. Please ensure children bring in their PE kit on Mondays. Please also bear in mind when children have a club, they might wear their kit home!



Homework

- ▶ Maths and English homework will alternate with one piece of work given out on Tuesdays for completion by the following Monday. This sometimes may be an 'online' task.
- ▶ Your child will have an orange homework book where Maths and English homework should be completed.
- ▶ **Spellings - given out on a Tuesday for testing the following Monday.**
- ▶ You will also find a summary of important reminders stuck in the inside cover.
- ▶ We will also ask the children to stick in their computing login and their Big Cat login details.

Spellings

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VOCABULARY

	word	child friendly explanation
1	walk	when you walk , you use your feet and legs to move along
2	half	a half is one or two equal parts; if you share a cake equally between two people, each person will get half
3	calm	when you are calm , you are not upset or excited when something is calm , it is very still as if it was resting or sleeping
4	yolk	a yolk is the yellow part of an egg
5	calf	a calf is a baby cow a calf is the back part of a person's leg below the knee
6	stalk	a stalk is the main stem of a plant, especially a tall plant to stalk is to follow a person or animal without being seen or heard to catch or kill them
7	palm	a palm is the inside surface of your hand a palm is a large plant or tree that grows in warm parts of the world that has large leaves that look like feathers
8	folk	folk is a casual word for people
9	should	if you say you should go home, it means that going home is important for you to do and if you don't go home you might get into trouble; when people say you should eat fruits and vegetables, it means it is the correct thing to do because they help to keep you healthy
10	could	if there are grey clouds in the sky, we might say, "It could rain," because it is able to rain, but it might not; if you enter a competition and you could win it, it means you are able to win the competition, but you might not
★	salmon	a salmon is a silver-coloured fish that lives in the ocean but lays its eggs in rivers
★	almond	an almond is a hard oval nut that grows in warm countries in the world; almonds are a popular snack, but people put them in cookies and cakes too



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WORD HUNT

Spell the correct word in the gap in each sentence.

calf calm could folk half
palm should stalk walk yolk

1. The tiger used the tall grass to _____ its prey.
2. A _____ tree grows best in warm, tropical climates.
3. They like to _____ to school together every morning.
4. He cut the cake in _____ and shared it.
5. You _____ always look both ways before crossing the road.
6. A baby cow is called a _____.
7. I like to eat an egg with a runny _____.
8. Many city _____ enjoy visiting the countryside on weekends.
9. He _____ not believe how quickly the time passed.
10. She took a deep breath to stay _____.



Big Cat Reading Homework

- ▶ Reading - Children are expected to read their Big Cat books at home (either online or a 'physical' book) and have their reading record signed by an adult to confirm that this has been done.
- ▶ Children should be reading at home each day. Their reading records should contain 5 entries and we ask that parents sign once to confirm this has been completed. Teachers will check the reading record during the library session.
- ▶ Library sessions:

Beech - Tuesday

Elm - Friday

Maple - Tuesday

Reading

- ▶ The Big Cat books can be read online or from a 'physical' copy if you so wish. The children's new Big Cat logins will be stuck into the children's reading record.
- ▶ Reading online allows access to more availability of a variety of books. It also provides supportive features such as how to decode words, provides definitions and audio features to support parents.
- ▶ Children should be reading each evening. This is part of the school's homework policy.
- ▶ **Please ensure that the children's reading log is signed each week.**
- ▶ Children will also be bringing home a library book to read which they may change on a weekly basis.
- ▶ Children should also be reading other books at home as well if possible.

Contact

- ▶ For any routine communication with your child's class teacher, please either send in a written note or use the class email. If there is anything that needs to be communicated urgently, please contact the office as teachers do not look at emails during teaching hours.
- ▶ maple@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk
- ▶ elm@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk
- ▶ beech@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk

Music lessons

Keyboard and guitar lessons are being taught in school by Mr Moore.

This year, The Hillingdon Music Service's peripatetic teachers offer Year 4 children the chance to learn instruments in lessons during the school day which parents can pay for separately.

Children who participate in extra music lessons may well miss parts of different curriculum subjects. With this in mind, we may ask them to bring home any work they have missed to complete for the following day.



Trips & Visits

- ▶ Autumn term - Verulamium, St Albans
- ▶ Spring and Summer Terms - to be confirmed.

Year Group Newsletters

- Our weekly newsletter is put on the school website:



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Year Group Pages



Welcome to Whiteheath Junior School

Welcome to our website. We hope you find it both informative and interactive as we accurately reflect the values and ethos of the school.

Whether you are thinking of joining us as part of our Year 2 transition or part of the way through Key Stage 2, I am sure that as you spend time looking at our website you will be excited about all of the opportunities our school has to offer.

Welcome to Year 4

As children move into Year 4, we aim to build on the confidence and independence that they have begun to develop during their first year in the Junior School.

Educational trips include visiting Verulamium Museum in St Albans as part of our Romans topic in History. Verulamium was the third largest city of Roman Britain and the museum stands on the site of the Roman town. We take part in an Anglo Saxon Workshop in the Spring Term, giving the children an insight into life during Anglo Saxon Times. We also visit a local synagogue to learn about the Jewish place of worship.

We link work in Science on electricity and circuits with our Design Technology topic in the summer term. Other Science topics include Sound and States of Matter.

In the Year group pages you will find the weekly year groups newsletters and a copy of the information meeting presentations from the beginning of the year. The newsletters are sent to parents/carers by email each week. We hope you find them useful.



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Autumn



Spring



Summer

- Please check notices specifically for your year group

important

Other Things to Mention

- ▶ Uniform - please name all uniform to avoid losses!
- ▶ Children with long hair should have it tied back at all times.
- ▶ Do bring in a water bottle each day.
- ▶ No jewellery (apart from that worn for religious reasons) or nail varnish please.

Any Questions?

- ▶ If you have any questions that we have not answered, please send us a message via the class email or home/school link book.