



# YEAR 4

Information for the year ahead

# STAFF

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# COMMUNICATION

Subject overviews on school website.

Half termly updates sent out.

Weekly newsletters with trip information etc.

Email [admin@oswaldroad.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:admin@oswaldroad.manchester.sch.uk) or [inbox@oswaldroad.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:inbox@oswaldroad.manchester.sch.uk) with any queries – we will get back to you ASAP.

Best time to chat with teachers (for little stuff) at the end of the day (please stand in the area in front of our classes to make it easier to spot you, so we can be sure your child has safely been passed over to the adult collecting them).

Parents Evening – mid November and March – if you have concerns before then contact us via the above emails, rather than on the playground.

# TIME TABLE – THIS IS WHAT A TYPICAL TIMETABLE IN YEAR 4 LOOKS LIKE. (4C HAVE SWIMMING ON A MONDAY)

4A Timetable Autumn Term

Day	8.30 – 9.00	9.05 – 9.35	9.35-10.35	10.35-10.50	10.50-11.30	11.30-12.30	12.30-1.30	1.30 – 1.45	1:45 - 3.00	3 – 3:10	
Monday	Times Tables	Guided Reading	Maths	Break	Spelling	English	Lunch	Handwriting (30 minutes)	Science	Class reading	
Tuesday	Times Tables Assembly	Guided Reading	Maths	Break	SPAG	English	Lunch	Handwriting	History/Geography	Class reading	
Wednesday	Times Tables	Guided Reading	Maths	Break	Spelling	English	Lunch	Carousel			
Thursday	Times tables	Maths	Swimming 9.50 – 11.30			English	Lunch	Handwriting	Guided Reading	Spelling	Class reading
Friday	Times tables	Guided Reading	Maths	Break	SPAG	English	Lunch	Handwriting	PSHE	Music	Class reading

# SWIMMING

- A letter has been sent to parents via Parentmail.
- Children will need towel, costume/tight fitting trunks and a swimming cap if their hair is long enough to go in their eyes. Also a bag to carry the kit in - it will be wet! Swimming caps for particularly long/thick hair can be purchased online.
- Children should come into school wearing their swimming costume under their clothes where possible, as this greatly speeds up the changing process, but children need to make sure they bring their underwear for afterwards.
- Children will not be allowed to wear goggles as the programme is about swimming to survive. If you think your child might need to wear them for medical reasons, we will need a doctor's note.
- As swimming is a compulsory part of the PE curriculum and a valuable life skill, it is important that your child attends every week. As a general rule if your child is well enough to be in school they are well enough to swim.
- Earrings are not allowed and this is the swimming pool's policy and is non negotiable. Please don't make plans to get your child's ears pierced during the school year.
- If your child does not make the expected standard of 25 metres by the end of the year they will return in Year 6 to complete this.

# READING BOOKS

- Each child will come home with a reading for pleasure book and a black reading journal. There is not an expectation to read all 40 books by the end of the year and these books can be shared with you.
- Their book can be changed whenever they finish and the children are in charge of changing their own.
- Like last year, the reading journal is for the children to reflect on their books. We will be doing some work on ideas for this in class.
- Logins for TTrackstars, Seesaw and Edshed are stuck in the reading journals.
- If the children are reading a book band book (colour banded) then they will also receive a reading book matched to the colour and a reading record for you to sign to show they have read at home to you. This will be changed at least once a week.
- Reading with your child is still really valuable whatever level they are on and we are always so grateful that you can do this at home
- On Fridays, in class we complete a free read, during this time your child should bring in their reading journal for us to complete regular checks and to give the children the opportunity to complete it.
- There is a charge for lost or damaged books.

# FLEXIBLE GROUPING

This year we are continuing with our flexible grouping approach to learning. This should minimise the amount of children moving classrooms but maximise support available during lessons. We endeavour to ensure that all children are with their class teacher for the majority of the day. Year 4 will meet regularly to discuss groupings and progress. This will only be for Maths sessions.

Each Term the groups will be taught by a different teacher, allowing us to know the progress of our own children over the course of the year.

# HOMework

**The expectations for Year 4 is:**

Daily reading – book band or school’s selected book list

Reading for pleasure

Reading Journals

TT rockstars

Ed shed is still available but no work will be set by the teacher.



# TIMES TABLES AND YEAR 4 —IN YEAR 4 IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE CHILDREN KNOW ALL THEIR TIMES TABLES FROM 1 X 1 TO 12 X 12

During the first 2 weeks of June, after the half term, all Year 4 children will be participating in the National Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

- This is an online test very similar to Sound Check on TTrackstars which tests accuracy.
- The children have 25 random questions and 6 seconds to answer each one.
- The test will take place in the classroom on iPads.
- The children will be given plenty of practice throughout the year and a trial run before the test.

# TRIPS

We are in the process of arranging the trips for the year.

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Egyptian Exhibition Manchester Museum 15.10.24 4A 17.10.24 4C 18.10.24 4B	Hindu Temple 7.11.24  Chorlton Walk Wb 11.11.24 (TBC)	Anglo Saxon Workshop 7.1.25		Chester Zoo 9.5.25	Treak Cliff Cavern 10.6.25

We will need parental volunteers, so please look out for this on the letters that we send home for each visit.

# PEN LICENSE

- The children will start the year using pencils.
- From October we will be starting to give children pens to write with, based on their fine motor skills and handwriting.
- By the time the children start year 5 all the children will be using pens.

# RSE

RSE units taught Summer 2

Information including PowerPoints, leaflets, FAQs to be sent out in March/April.

Parents will be invited to a workshop where year group plans and resources can be seen and discussed – this information cannot be sent home.

Opt outs are 1 lesson only for years 4, 5 and 6.

# EXPECTATIONS

We continue to have high expectations of our children's behaviour during lessons and their presentation in books.

Each class has agreed on their rights respecting charter which will underpin conversations regarding choices.

# OTHER INFO

- We no longer have cups in our classrooms so please send your child into school with a water bottle which they can refill when needed.
- If somebody else is collecting your child please let us or the office know – we cannot send your child with someone else based on the say so of a child or the other parent.
- Our PPA time is on a Wednesday afternoon so this is when the children will be taught Spanish with Mr Caldwell, Art with Miss Bennett and PE with Mr Bentley. Please make sure they come to school wearing appropriate clothing
- We are not allowed to give out any birthday treats. If they are sent in we will unfortunately, have to send them home.
- A reminder that the children should not be bringing in toys or cards to school.
- If you have any questions or concerns, the easiest way to reach us is by emailing [admin@oswaldroad.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:admin@oswaldroad.manchester.sch.uk) and the message will be passed on

Thank you! Molly Jones, Hayley Craven & Christian Burton