

Year 4 Newsletter

Our School Rules



Be safe.

Be kind.



Be responsible.

This term we will be focusing our learning around the topic of Ancient Egypt.



We have lots of fun art and science activities to do.

We know this will be a fantastic term!

Our learning this term

Maths – This term we are learning to multiply and divide two and three-digit numbers by a one-digit number. We will then move on to fractions and decimals. As always, we will continue using our skills to problem solve and develop reasoning skills.

By the end of Year 4 we aim for all children to know all their multiplication facts. Due to the importance of these skills, we would appreciate your help in supporting your child to learn their tables at home. Teachers will set regular tasks on TTRS and along with reading this will form the main home learning each week. We are continuing to learn all our times tables. Well done if you are already scoring 25/25 consistently on TTRS soundchecks.

English– We are concentrating on writing Narratives, Leaflets and Reports, as well as exploring Poetry. As a Year 4 pupil, the children will be learning to use several grammar features confidently including: fronted adverbials, possessive apostrophes, writing in paragraphs and using conjunctions to form different sentence types. This term we will also be focused on using inverted commas (speech marks) accurately.

Other subjects – History will make up a large part of our Thematic work this term. We will focus on learning about Ancient Egypt. In science, we will be learning about sound. In this unit, we will be learning about how vibrations travel to create sound, and the structure of the ear. Next half term, we will focus on Electricity. In French, children have enjoyed learning the names of fruit and vegetables. Now we are focusing on learning phrases related to ourselves and our classrooms.

In the morning, adults will be focused on greeting children on the door and supporting them in their morning work during morning drop off. They will not be able to discuss queries at the start of the day.

If you need to speak with the class teacher in more detail, please request an appointment at the end of the day or message on Dojo.

Reading is a vital skill for learning at White Hall Academy and in later life. The best readers are those who read outside of school and talk about what they have read. Many of the Year 4 pupils are confident readers and can read independently at home. However, it is still important to ask them questions about their reading to support their understanding.

We expect children to read at least three times each week at home. Ideally, they should read every day and record each session in their reading record books, writing the pages read and short additional comments about any tricky or interesting parts of the text.

Important dates

Wednesday 10th January
Year Four HSBC workshop

Monday 19th February – Friday 23rd February
Half Term

Thursday 7th March
Ancient Egypt Workshop Day 1

Friday 8th March
Ancient Egypt Workshop Day 2

Wednesday 13th March
Termly Learning Conference

Year 4 trips and Experiences

We know from previous experience how much children benefit from experiences and trips outside the classroom, both academically, socially and emotionally. We always endeavour to keep the cost of these experience to a minimum and provide parents with as much notice as possible to pay the contributions.

We will send a separate letter shortly outlining further details of the Ancient Egyptian workshop days taking place in March. Please see below for a reminder of the payment dates for the trip contribution. If we do not receive sufficient contributions, the trips may not be able to go ahead.

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
One payment of £45 due by: Monday 30 th October 2023	Four payments of £10 and one payment of £5 due on the following dates: Monday 30 th October 2023 Monday 27 th November 2023 Monday 22 nd January 2024 Monday 26 th February 2024	Nine payments of £5 due on the following dates. Monday 2 nd October 2023 Monday 30 th October 2023 Monday 20 th November 2023 Monday 11 th December 2023 Mon 8 th January 2024 Monday 29 th January 2024 Mon 26 th February 2024 Mon 18 th March 2024 Monday 15 th April 2024

School Expectations

Drinks

Children should bring a named bottle **with water** to school. These can be refilled during the school day. This is the best liquid to keep your child hydrated and enable them to learn effectively.

Snacks

Children may bring their own healthy snack for break time, preferably fruit or vegetables. Cheese sticks, yogurt and fruit cereal bars are also acceptable

REMINDER

White Hall Academy is a Nut-Free school, so please ensure all lunch box items and snacks are nut free. We do have pupils in our school with severe allergies.



Uniform

Children need to wear correct uniform to school each day. Please clearly label your child's uniform.

Our uniform consists of a: White Hall Academy jumper or cardigan, Black school trousers or shorts, Grey or Black skirt, White polo top, Plain black shoes

P.E. Uniform

School jumper or cardigan, black or grey jogging bottoms, Black PE shorts (warm weather) Plain white T-shirt, Trainers.

If you require any uniform items, the school has a great variety of second hand uniform in excellent condition. Please speak to Miss Watts or Mrs Eames.

Year 4 PE Days

4B & 4W Outdoor Thursday (Col U) Indoor Friday (Real PE)

4J Indoor Tuesday (Real PE) Outdoor Thursday (Col U)