



Windmill L.E.A.D. Academy

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Welcome to Year 4

The Year 4 Team

4EC

Class Teacher: Miss Campbell

Class Teaching Assistant: Miss Goodhead

4RP

Class Teacher: Miss Pickering

Assistant Class Teacher: Mrs Newman

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Edwards

What's new in class:

- ❑ Year 3 and 4 are in their own bubble to reduce contact around school
- ❑ Regular handwashing throughout the day
- ❑ Each child has their equipment on their table
- ❑ Teachers keep their distance in class as much as possible, with less 1-2-1 time
- ❑ Classrooms, books and resources are regularly cleaned

What's new in school:

- ❑ Year 3 and 4 start school a **8.50am** and finish school at **3.10pm**. Please be **on time** to drop off and collect your child/ren and leave promptly. This is for your safety as it reduces the amount of people on the playground before and after school.
- ❑ Staff will wear face shields or coverings at the beginning and end of the day and we ask that parents and carers do too.
- ❑ We're using a one-way system around school to help with social distancing.

Attendance

- ❑ Learning starts straightaway! If a child is 5 minutes late everyday, they will have missed almost half an hour of learning by the end of the week! This matters!
- ❑ If you think you may be late collecting your child or a different adult will be collecting, please contact the school office.
- ❑ Please ring the school or speak to the office if your child is ill.
- ❑ Melanie Jago, our school Attendance Officer, is available if there are any issues.

Covid-19 testing

- ❑ Any children displaying symptoms will be isolated in the meeting area at the front of school.
- ❑ You will be asked to come and collect them as soon as possible.
- ❑ It is important that you have them tested – this can be organised by the office .
- ❑ If a test comes back **positive**, your family will need to isolate for 14 days and the child for 7.
- ❑ The rest of that child's class may have to isolate for 14 day in the event of a positive test.

Class timetable

Mr Rose's P.E:

- ❑ 4RP will have P.E. on a Monday afternoon
- ❑ 4EC will have P.E. on a Friday Morning

This year, each class will have an opportunity to learn the violin and have a music lesson taught by an special music teacher.

- ❑ 4RP will learn to play the violin until Christmas. 4EC will learn about percussion and rhythm
- ❑ After Christmas, 4EC learn to play the violin. 4RP will learn about percussion and rhythm

Windmill Values

- ❑ Our school values are:
Ambition, Courage, Teamwork, Resilience, Diversity, Respect, Kindness, Adaptability. Positivity and Honesty.
- ❑ A different value is focused on each month with a 'Values Champion' award being given in each class for a child who works hard to show that value.
- ❑ We encourage all Windmill children to show these values in their everyday behaviour, attitude and conduct.

Behaviour

- ❑ We have high standards of behaviour at Windmill and expect all members of the school to follow our code of conduct.
- ❑ We have many ways of rewarding good behaviour:
 - Trackit Lights Points System. For good behaviour, hard work and living by our values, the children collect points throughout the day. The 3 children with the highest number of points get a prize at the end of the day.
 - Monday award assemblies celebrate the children chosen for the week's achievement award, stars of the term at the end of each term and Values Champions at the end of each month.

Reading

- ❑ Each child has been given a reading diary and a reading book to take home.
- ❑ It is important that all children read at least **3 times** a week and that an adult signs their diary.
- ❑ Diaries are checked every Friday to ensure children have read 3 times.
 - ❑ Children are given a reading band reward for reading 3 times and this is a whole school competition!
- ❑ Children will be tested every half-term so we can send them home with a book at the right level to progress reading.
- ❑ Targets are stuck into diaries on a regular basis. Reading these will tell you your child's next step.
- ❑ Please remember children need to bring their signed reading diary **everyday!**

What we will be learning:



- This half-term, in English and Reading, our class book will be **Beowulf** by Michael Morpurgo.
- Maths will focus on place value and securing a deep understanding of important number facts.
- During our topic learning this term, we are studying the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings.
- At the end of each half-term, the children will be sent home with a Knowledge Organiser. This will provide information on what the children will be learning about the following half-term. Please get involved with the research and discuss your child's learning with them.

Year 4's curriculum over the year

Project based learning

- Autumn 1 – Traders and Raiders
- Autumn 2 – Potions
- Spring 1 - 1066
- Spring 2 – Cracking Contraptions
- Summer 1 – Burps, Bottoms and Bile
- Summer 2 – Blue Abyss

Use of high quality texts

- Autumn 1 – Beowulf
- Autumn 2 – George's Marvellous Medicine
- Spring 1 – Bill's New Frock
- Spring 2 – The Lost Thing
- Summer 1 – How To Train Your Dragon
- Summer 2 – Why the Whales Came

Handwriting – high expectations of presentation in books

Newsletters and knowledge organisers will be sent home every half term.

Educational visits and experiences are linked to the curriculum throughout the year

Homework

- Learning Logs are an opportunity for children to showcase their knowledge and understanding in a way they find most useful.
- Learning Logs will be given out at the beginning of the term.
- The Learning Logs will have a list of tasks from which they choose at least two to focus.
- Each task should fit onto a double page.
- They can of course creatively extend the page by attaching flaps and folded sections. Children can use pictures, writing, diagrams, labels, bullet points, mind maps or whatever style they wish to choose to present their work. They can also create models.
- All Learning Logs are to be handed in at the end of each half term on a specified day.
- Spellings, times tables, daily reading are all very important aspects of your child's learning.

Uniform

- Children should take pride in their appearance by wearing the correct uniform and shoes everyday.
- Those who have free school meals may also get a free school jumper.
- Uniform, book bags and other school items can be bought at the office.

Permission Slips

- Please return these as soon as possible.
- These are needed if we go on an educational visit that is outside of the local area, uses any form of transport or falls outside of normal school hours.
 - We cannot accept verbal consent in these instances – this is to keep the children safe!
 - For local trips on foot you have already signed permission but will always be informed by a letter beforehand.
- If your child is walking home alone after school, we need written permission.
- Please ensure your contact details are kept up to date and include an emergency contact too.

We are here to help

- ❑ There will be 3 parents consultations throughout the year for you and the teacher to discuss your child's progress.
- ❑ Staff are usually available to speak to at the beginning and the end of the day and are happy to help.
- ❑ If there is anything you would like to have a longer conversation about, we are happy to arrange a socially-distanced meeting.
- ❑ Please do let us know if anything changes with your child and we will make sure to keep you up to date with what is going on in school.

Thank you!

Any questions, please do come and ask.

**We look forward to working together with you to
ensure the very best for your child!**

