

September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the start of a new and exciting year! We are delighted to welcome your children into Year 4 and provide them with a range of wonderful learning opportunities. We have included some key messages below.

The Year 4 teaching team includes the following members of staff:

Amethyst Class

- Mrs Greenlaw (class teacher);
- Mrs Tankala (teaching assistant).
-

Jasper Class

- Mr Lane (class teacher);
- Mrs Eitel (teaching assistant);
- Mrs Choudhury (teaching assistant)

PE Lessons

Year 4 pupils will have PE sessions twice per week (usually on a Thursday and Friday). Pupils will change into their PE kit before the lesson and will come home in their PE kit. Please ensure your child has the correct kit to change into for these sessions and that it is returned ready for the next lesson. Information about swimming lessons will be communicated separately.

PE items can be brought into school in a draw-string PE bag and kept in class during term time. In addition, a disposable plastic bag should be supplied for wet items to be placed in.

- Compulsory white sports t-shirt with school logo;
- Black shorts;
- Black tracksuit if appropriate;
- Trainers (black or white).

Please note, all jewellery **MUST** be removed for PE and games.



Whiteknights

Growing Greatness

Whiteknights Primary School


Fairlawn Green, Shinfield Rise,

Reading, Berkshire, RG2 8EP

Telephone: 0118 987 2588

admin@whiteknights.wokingham.sch.uk

www.whiteknights.wokingham.sch.uk

@wokingham_knight 

Headteacher: Mrs B Reynolds

Please ensure all clothing and items that are brought into school are clearly **named**. This includes: all parts of the school uniform, P.E. kit, shoes, trainers, coats, lunch boxes, water bottles and book bags.

Home Learning

- Reading a minimum of 20 minutes each day;
- Accelerated Reader online quiz as each book is finished (with the aim to complete one quiz per week)
- CENTURY weekly practice online;
- 30 minutes of Times Tables Rock Stars per week. Every Tuesday, teachers will check to see that children have completed the allocated amount of time in **Soundcheck** area. The children have accessed the **Soundcheck** area in school and will know how to access this at home. The TTRS website can be accessed here: <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student/34463>
- Weekly Log and Learn spellings (to be completed in Home Learning Diaries by Wednesday)

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to come and see us

Many thanks,

Mrs Greenlaw and Mr Lane

Year 4 Teachers



Year Group 4

Autumn 1

English

This term we will be exploring setting description, poetry, quest story and a report. This learning will be reinforced through the texts we will be studying in Guided Reading and our topic work.

Maths

We will be using White Rose Maths to facilitate our maths learning. We will be revising key areas including place value and the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division), as well as area.

Computing

This term we will be learning all about coding. We will use code to create a game and to then will learn how to fix bugs in pieces of code.

PSHE

This term we will be using our discover, noticer, and advisor skills to explore the topic of exercise. We will consider how exercise benefits ourselves and others.

Fire, Water and Ice

Geography

We will be learning about rivers and the water cycle. We will explore river floods and how they affect people, places and future prevention.

PE

We will spend the Autumn Term practising football, rugby and dance. Swimming will also be taking place. More information to follow.

Science

During Autumn term, we will be learning about States of Matter, including solids, gases and liquids as well as reversible and irreversible changes.

Art

In art we will use ink and paint to print in the style of Japanese suminagashi. The printed paper will then be used to create collages of a river including the features that we learnt about in geography.

Guided Reading

We are studying *The Firework Maker's Daughter* by Philip Pullman and will develop our use of the four reading strategies: retrieval, inference and clarification.

Music

This term, we will begin to learn the ukulele. We will learn how to correctly hold it and strum it to a rhythm.

RE

We will be focusing on Judaism over the term, learning about the importance of the relationship Jewish people have with God.

Curriculum Enrichment

Topic Project: Please support your child in creating a poster or fact file all about rivers. This should be brought to school **7th November**.

SPLAT: Tuesday 7th October 2025

Topic Projects

More details to follow:

Create a 2D or 3D model, poster or fact file about a river describing the parts of a river from source to mouth.

Websites Worth Visiting

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/riverthames/index.htm>

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/clips/zj2n34j>

<https://www.rospa.com/home-safety/advice/fireworks-safety/>