

# Year 4 Parent Information Session



September 2016

# Year 4 Curriculum meeting

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# Year 4 staff

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**Mrs Hayes** - Red Class Teacher

**Mr Offredi** - Bronze Class Teacher

**Mrs Cooper** - HLTA

**Mrs Cracknell** - LSA

*Additional teachers who will provide PPA cover:*

**Mrs Board**

**Mrs Vermeulen**



# Curriculum themes and educational visits

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- Theme based curriculum to develop links in the children's learning.
- Where possible subjects will link into theme, including English.
- Educational visits are a crucial part of learning and link directly to activities in the classroom.

## **Autumn term theme**

Anglo-Saxon and Viking focus, local area study. Viking Day visitor in December - a Viking themed costume will be required.

## **Spring term theme**

Grab your Passport (Geography focus) and Plants and Animal Habitats (Science focus). Visit linked to habitats.

## **Summer term theme**

Life and Times of the Ancient Greeks (History focus). Experience what it was like to be a greek for the day and a trip to the British Museum.

# Maths and English standards and expectations

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Your child will be taught in-line with the National Curriculum (September 2015) with a focus on meeting Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).

As the year starts, your child will become familiar with the KPIs which will be available in the front of their books, as well as in their reading records.

The KPIs for each your group are also available through our website in the 'Learning Zone' section, under 'Assessment Information'.

<http://www.southbenfleet.essex.sch.uk/learning-zone/assessment-information>

It is important to remember that all children progress at different rates and may be working on KPIs from different year groups. Please discuss with your child's class teacher if you are unsure of the KPIs they are working towards.

# Statutory Testing

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- **Year 1-** Phonics screening June 2017
- **Year 2-** End of Key Stage 1 SATs, summer term 2017. This will include tests and teacher assessments in: Reading, Grammar, Spelling & Punctuation, Writing and Maths.
- **Year 6-** End of Key Stage 2 SATs, week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017. This will include tests and teacher assessments in: Reading, Grammar, Spelling & Punctuation, Writing and Maths. This year's tests will include a new on-screen times table test.

Further meetings will be arranged for later on in the year to give parents of these year groups additional information.

# Homework

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## Aims

- To practise and consolidate/reinforce skills learnt at school - rather like practising an instrument between lessons
- To encourage self-motivation, self-discipline and independence especially for older children as they prepare for secondary school.
- To further develop home-school links and partnerships.
- To help parents gain an understanding and an insight into children's school learning.
- To encourage children and parents to work together - sharing the learning.
- To plan and prepare for work to be done at school (research, talk homework, experiment, collect etc.)

# Homework

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## Reading

Expectation of at least 4 reads a week at home with an adult, which should be recorded and signed for in your child's reading record. When completed, your child will be entered into the 'Reading Rewards' draw to win a book in our Friday celebration assembly. Reading can be completed with a school book, book from home or using 'Bug Club'.

## Maths

Maths homework will alternate between paper and online homework. It will always be set on a Friday and due in by the following Wednesday. The online homework will be through Active Learn, which the children are familiar with from Year 3. The paper based homework will be a booklet focussing on times tables, supporting the National Curriculum requirement for the children to know all of their times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of the year.

# Homework

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## Times table Rockstars

Expectation that all children will regularly practise their times tables every week. Children who are showing good improvements, high scores etc will win a certificate and prize in our Friday celebration assemblies.

## Spelling

Your child will receive a spelling list every two weeks. They should complete the 'look, cover, write, check' sheet as well as a written activity that will be explained when the sheets are given out. New spellings will be given out on the Monday and the children will be tested on the Wednesday of the following week.

## Other additional homework options:

Your child may also be set additional Topic or Literacy based homework or may choose to complete additional work on-line through google classroom or on Active Learn (for Bug Club Reading or Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation as well as for maths games).



# Supporting your child at home

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- Help, encourage, be interested, stay calm, but don't do it for them!
- Provide a quiet, dedicated space where parent and child can sit together to do homework
- Encourage children to complete tasks neatly and carefully- in pencil.
- Complete tasks in small manageable chunks.
- Be positive.
- If a child finishes a piece of homework or if no homework has been formally set, parents are encouraged to continue to read, talk about learning in school, go over spellings, learn times tables or number bonds, play a game, find a suitable activity on the internet etc.
- Don't leave homework until the last minute so that any issues or problems can be dealt with before the homework is due in.
- Children are encouraged to see their teacher if they are unsure about any of their homework.

# E - Safety

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Our school has lots of computers and Chromebooks with Internet access to help us in our learning. We have rules to help to keep us safe.

Many of these rules can be used at home, at a friend's house or anywhere where your child may be using a computer or the Internet.

Remember our **SMART** rules:

**Safe** – keep safe by never giving out personal information (full name, home address, phone number, school name or photos) to people you meet online

**Meet** – never meet in real-life someone you met online

**Accept** – never accept emails from people or organisations you don't know.

**Reliable** – check the information you find online is reliable

**Tell** – tell an adult if something online or on your mobile phone makes you feel upset or uncomfortable.

# E - Safety

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For further information and advice about keeping your children safe online, including how to report abuse or offensive material online, go to:

Child Exploitation and Online protection Centre

[www.ceop.gov.uk/](http://www.ceop.gov.uk/)

The Internet Watch Foundation

[www.iwf.org.uk/](http://www.iwf.org.uk/)

Childnet International:

[www.childnet-int.org/](http://www.childnet-int.org/)

E-safety Activities for children:

[www.kidsmart.org.uk/](http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/)[www.kidsmart.org.uk/](http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/)

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/)

# Rules

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## **We follow our school's Golden Rules:**

- We try our best
- We are kind
- We listen and show respect
- We do as we are asked
- We tell the truth
- We look after things



# Speaking to teachers

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- If you ever need to speak to the class teacher then a time can always be arranged. You may be able to have a quick word at the gate at the end of the day. Alternatively, please feel free to make an appointment via the office or by writing a letter/note.
- Formal opportunities to discuss your child's school work and progress are available on Parent's evenings.

# Attendance

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- Attending school regularly is **very important**.
- We monitor attendance very carefully and you will be notified if your child's attendance becomes a concern (below 90%).
- Good attendance is rewarded with a cup given to the highest attending class each month, as well as stickers and special badges for 100% and 99% attendance at the end of the year.
- Our School attendance last year was 96.5% and we are aiming to at least match that this year.

# Attendance: Leave of absence in Term Time



Please think carefully before booking a holiday in Term time as this will be unauthorised absence.

You will need to **fill in** a leave of absence form, available from the office.

**However leave of absence during term time will not be granted unless there are very exceptional circumstances.**

# Attendance: Leave of absence in Term Time



## **It is important to note:-**

- There is no legal right for a child to be granted leave of absence and taking a child out of school during term time could be detrimental to the child's achievement, progress and / or social development/ friendships.
- Lost learning time cannot be replaced and when any potential exceptional leave is added to any possible illness/ medical absence, time away from learning could be considerable!
- Every request will be considered on its merits and must be for the minimum period possible
- In some circumstances the Headteacher may arrange a meeting to discuss the application or request further information.
- No leave of absence will be granted during SATs for pupils in Year 2 and Year 6.

# Attendance

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- 1 day off per year = 99.5% attendance
- 10 days off per year = 95% attendance (2 school weeks off per year)
- 20 days off per year = 90% attendance (4 school weeks off per year)
- 90% attendance for a child throughout their primary and secondary school career means they will have missed a whole year of their education .

# General reminders

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- Children must be in class by 8:55, otherwise marked late.
- Please inform teacher in writing of any appointments or absences.
- We have now moved over to 'Parent Pay' which is a cashless, on-line payment system. Please see office staff if you need any support.
- Mobile phones are not allowed in school except in exceptional circumstances for Year 6 with prior school permission.
- Children must have both indoor and outdoor PE kits in school everyday (plain black shorts, plain white t-shirt, plimsolls (optional), trainers, socks, tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirt, and additional hair bands). No jewellery to be worn during PE lessons.
- No nail varnish, make-up, elaborate hair accessories, or jewellery (other than a watch and small stud earrings). Please also ensure long hair is tied up.
- Children must have their reading record and reading book in school everyday.
- Please ensure ALL medical information, including long-term medical needs are included on forms for school trips.

# General reminders

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- A water bottle is needed- plain water only please.
- Children are not allowed to bring in pencil cases as all equipment is provided.
- In Key Stage 2, children can bring in a piece of fruit/ vegetable for a break time snack. Please put in their bag and not their lunchbox.
- Please ensure your child arrives at school alert and ready to learn. It is recommended that school aged children, 6-13 years, should have 9-11 hours of sleep each night.
- We discourage children from bringing in toys from home as we do not have space to store them.
- As the weather turns please make sure your child has an appropriate coat/ pac-a-mac as they will go outside even if it is cold or a little drizzly.
- Ensure children are given messages about after-school arrangements before coming into school to avoid an overload of phone calls to the office.
- If your child has any medical issues that we should be aware of please let us know.
- If you ever have a concern, problem or query please speak to us straight away so we can help.



# Dates for your diary

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- Autumn Parents Evening: 22nd September
- Year 4 assembly: 24th November
- Spring Parents Evening: 7th and the 9th February
- Sports day: 19th May (weather permitting)
- Summer display evening: 29th June

Please note: we have 3 remaining training days to take this academic year. We will give you the dates for these as soon as they have been agreed.

A complete list of annual dates is also available on our website.



# Where can I find information?

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- School office - staffed between 8.30am and 4.30pm
- Class teachers and other members of staff, including school governors
- Weekly newsletter
- School website [www.southbenfleet.essex.sch.uk/](http://www.southbenfleet.essex.sch.uk/)
- Parent mail emails or texts
- Paper letters- please check your child's bag regularly!
- Parent forums (held three times a year)
- Follow us on Twitter [twitter.com/@SouthBenPri](https://twitter.com/@SouthBenPri)

# Any questions?

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