



# **Year 4**

# **Welcome Meeting**

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# Meet the Team

## Teaching Staff:

Mrs Johnson (YGL), Mr Ridgewell  
and Mrs Albery

## Teaching Assistants:

Miss Warburton, Miss Haigh, Miss  
Imray and Mrs Pinner



# Our Curriculum

## Y4 Learning Journeys - Cross Curricular Approach

### *Autumn – Victorian Towns and Twisted Tales*

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September** – Brighton Town Trail

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September** - Victorian Day

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September** – European

Languages Day

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November (Shakespeare),**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November (Dickens) +**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November (Wilson) - Preston Manor**

Woodland walks – letters will go home



**If there are any changes to pick ups, including trips, you must let office know – we cannot send children home without confirmation.**

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# Spring– *Mysterious Maya*

**Feb (TBC) - Mayan workshop**

Mayan Feast

Chocolate tasting

Tie dye t-shirts



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# Summer – *To Infinity and Beyond*

**(TBC in May) - Planetarium**

**4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> June 2024 - Lodge Hill (details to follow)**

**Astronaut training day**



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# School Uniform

***Please ensure  
you name all  
your child's  
clothes!***



## ***Uniform Policy:***

***Socks – must be black, navy, grey or white – no logos/bright colours.***

***Earrings – Plain, small studs.***

***Hair accessories – Simple hair/headbands in school colours.***

# PE Kit

***Please  
ensure you  
name all  
your child's  
clothes!***



***Hair – needs to tied  
up.***

***Earrings – children  
will need to either  
remove or cover  
with tape.***

***For winter:***

***Warm track suit/joggers and fleece or school hoodie - plain, navy  
blue/black if possible***



# PE Days

- Each class will have 2 PE sessions per week, 1 indoor session and 1 outdoor session

**Shakespeare: Monday (swimming) + Thursday**

**Dickens: Wednesday + Friday**

**Wilson: Wednesday + Thursday**

- Each week we will also be doing a 10 minute run with our classes.
- Shakespeare will be swimming in Autumn Term, Wilson in Spring Term and Dickens in Summer Term. Each class will have 10 lessons at the Triangle. Please make sure all PE kit and swimming kit is labelled.





# Other important items to have in their bag:

- Water bottle (labelled) – no big Stanley style cups
- Lightweight, waterproof coat
- Suncream and hat when hot
- Reading journal/reading book
- No jewellery or valuables except small stud earrings please

***Please ensure you name all your child's equipment!***

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# Behaviour and Expectations

Our Whole School Behaviour Policy:

- Praise the positives
- Sanctions for repeated inappropriate behaviour
- Parents will be contacted for both positive and negative behaviour



# Southway Values



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# Home Learning

- Weekly homework will rotate between maths and reading tasks.
- Homework will be set on a Wednesday and due back in on the following Wednesday, when we will mark it. Homework can be handed in before Wednesday so it isn't forgotten on the last day.
- Homework should be completed in their homework book and we expect to see all their workings for maths, not just answers.
- Homework will be differentiated and children will often get to choose their level of difficulty for homework.
- Please keep in touch if there are any issues with homework. All children are aware that if they do not understand something, they can ask their teacher at school prior to the hand in day (Wednesday).





# Spellings

- Spelling patterns will be taught in class weekly.
- SpellingShed (NEW app) – usernames and passwords are stuck into reading journals. Children should log in to practise their spellings using a variety of games. Teachers will check and reward those who have been on.
- Please encourage your child to use their spelling words in conversation, as well as their writing.
- \*show how the app works\*



## Sign in to your EdShed account

Not yet subscribed to EdShed? [Sign Up](#)

Global Username / Email



School Username

Username

Password



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Sign In

or

Global Username / Email

School Username

Username

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Wonde Sign In



Log in with Clever



Sign in with Snapplify



School Passport Sign In



OneClick Sign In

## Assignments 2

Games set for you.

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## Challenges

Challenge others to play.

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## Leagues

Player and class leagues.

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[Join](#)



 Play!

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 Play!





# Spelling Shed

## Scheme

-- Choose a stage --

Words with the prefix 'in-' mean...

Due: 24/09/25 00:00

IN PREFIX

Due: 26/09/25 00:00

More...

SPAG

Mastery Zone

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## Spelling Practice



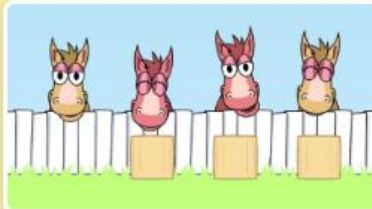
### Spelling Bee

The original Spelling Shed game!



### Penalty Spell-out

Score goals and spell words!



### Hungry Horses

Feed the horses!



### Shed Load

Load the bee hives on the truck!

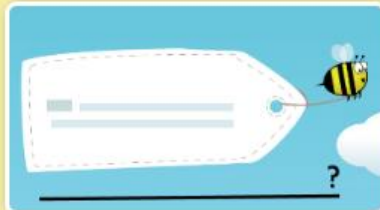


## Word Games



### Missing Word

Can you spell the missing word?



### Definitions

Match the words with the definitions!



# Difficulty Levels & Student Choice



Phonics



**Phonics** - Students can choose to spell letter by letter or spell by graphemes. When creating an assignment, teachers can set this option for the students as well.



## Penalty Spell-out

Score goals and spell words!

Latin Adjective Suffixes; -ous, -ious, -cious, & -tious (full of / characterized by)



Phonics



Easy

Medium

Hard

Extreme

- **Easy** – The word is shown, an audio clip is played and only the included letters are shown.
- **Medium** – An audio clip is played and only the included letters are shown.
- **Hard** – An audio clip is played and the included letters plus some random letters are shown.
- **Extreme** – An audio clip is played, and a full qwerty keyboard is shown. Letters must be correctly accented and capitalized.



# Home Learning Reading Journals

- Children should read at home as often as possible.
- They should record their reading in their Home Reading Journals, 3 times a week as a minimum.
- Adults do not need to write in their children's reading journals in Year 4.
- Reading journals should be in bags everyday. Your child will be given a day it will be checked each week by their teacher.
- We would love for children to loan books from school and will be continuing to hand out certificates for every 5 books read on the 100 book challenge.





# Times Tables

- In June, your children will sit the Year 4 multiplication check. This is done in school and is a similar format to Times Tables Rockstars.
- We expect children to be engaging with Times Tables Rockstars weekly in order to develop their fluency and accuracy. Little and often is the key, so if children have been on for a total of 25 minutes over a week (5 minutes a day Mon-Fri), they will earn a extra playtime as a reward.
- We also complete weekly times tables practice as part of maths learning.

**We look forward to a brilliant  
year with your children.**

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**Please use this email if we need to  
know something for that day.**