

Welcome to Year 4

What is the same and what will be different?





Welcome to the Year 4 Team

- Ms Innes – Whales class teacher – <https://youtu.be/ZqoQdoor-GE>



- Mrs Freeman – Seals class teacher <https://youtu.be/QaFnOr8cB7E>



- There will be TA support for mornings and some afternoons
- Ms Innes is the Year 3 / 4 Team Leader

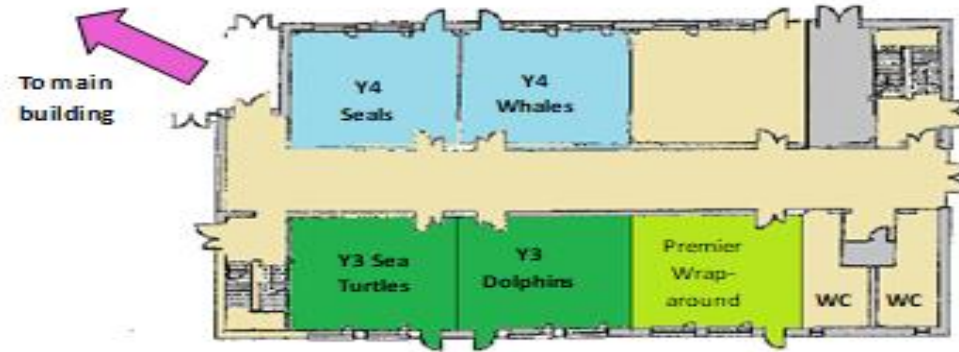


Communication

- We aim to have open communication channels to keep you informed about everything that is going on in school and to give easy access to speak to us if needed.
- Ways we can communicate:
- **School/team letters** – where possible we would like to send all letters via email. There will be occasional letters that are sent out as paper copies.
- **Weekly learning sharing** – every Friday an email is sent out to give you an overview of what the children will be learning about the following week and how you can help your child, this may also have important notices on.
- **Website** – we hope the website is a good reference source, if there are things that you would like to see included please let us know.
- **Email** – you can send emails to your child’s class teacher or team leader. The protocol is that teachers will respond within 3 working days. If you need a more urgent response, then you can leave a message with the school office or send a note to your child’s class teacher.
- Ms Innes – kinnes@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk
- Mrs Freeman – cfreeman@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk
- **Appointments** – if you would like to arrange a meeting with your child’s class teacher please contact them via email, school office or letter to arrange a suitable time.



Changes to the school building



Key:



- Year 4 classrooms are on the ground floor of the new building.



Start and End of the Day Arrangements

- The children will enter and leave by the classroom's external doors .
- As in year 3, parents are asked not to seek unplanned meetings with the teachers at the start of a day as it is a very busy period and the teachers will be very busy welcoming/dismissing the children.
- However, if you do need to speak to your child's class teacher, please book an appointment at the office or email the teacher/team leader and this will be dealt with promptly.
- At the END of the day, the teacher will bring the children out through the classroom external door and match each child to the adult that is collecting them. It is important that we are informed of any changes to arrangements. WASPs and children attending clubs will be allowed to walk to their collecting area by themselves.
- In year 4, your children are deemed old enough by the school to walk home from school by themselves, **with written permission, if you feel that this is appropriate for your child.**



Behaviour

- The same system of warnings and behaviour management will continue as in Year 3.
- There will be the same expectation to follow the school **Golden Rules**:



- Positive Praise – stickers, tokens, Deputy Headteacher's awards, Head teacher's stars
- Warning system – sanctions missing minutes of lunch/break/reflection time. Talking Point to talk to a member of the leadership team if appropriate.
- The behaviour policy can be found on the school website:
<https://www.waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk/page/?title=Behaviour&pid=54>



Responsibility

- We will have a slightly greater expectation of the children taking responsibility for their things. This applies for their own property, such as coats, bags, lunch boxes. Each child will continue to have a named peg and a labelled trolley for their and lunch boxes etc.
- We will continue to provide the children with pencil cases, and ask that personal belongings are not brought in for these.
- It is their responsibility to look after their things.
- As the children continue to progress through the school, they need to increase their own level of independence and responsibility and small steps help with this.



Curriculum

- The **curriculum overview** is available on the school website. Please look out for detailed **curriculum captures** which will be uploaded in the Autumn Term.
- The learning expectations for Maths and English are available on the school website under Curriculum/Learning expectations or through the Year 3 page.
- We will be focussing on embedding and extending their learning within the areas with which they are already familiar, allowing for greater scope for problem solving and creativity within their learning.
- During the Autumn Term we hope there will be parent consultation evenings to give you more ideas of how you can support your child in their learning.
- We will be teaching the children within their classes, but some activities may provide opportunities for co-operative learning between the two classes.



Home Learning

- **Mathletics** – All children have a log on to this online program, they will be set various maths activities every week.
- **Times Table Rockstars** – This site will continue to help children embed their times table knowledge.
- **Spelling Shed** - The children will be set spelling activities each week.
- **Purple Mash** – '2do' activities may be set on this
- The **Home Learning Passport**, with a range of activities for children to choose from will continue.



Growth Mindset

Learning Partners

- Growth mindset strategies will continue to be taught and modelled to the children.
- Learning partners will be continued to be used in Year 4 as it has been seen to extend and improve children's ability in 'talk for learning'.
- Talking and listening to different members of class widens the children's social network, helps the children improve on polite and productive conversation. It also extends children's vocabulary - whether they are learning from or explaining their ideas to other children.



Reading and Spelling

- Children will continue to choose a book from the library to bring home and will have the opportunity to visit the library.
- Every child to have at least 4 reading sessions a week.
- Accelerated Reader will continue to be used to support comprehension skills.
- The children will be bring home a list of spelling words from the National Curriculum that they will be expected to learn and they will be tested on these words in class. We will be learning the second half of the 3/4 list started this year, however the expectation is that they will ideally know them all by the end of the year.



Physical Education

- The children are asked to have a school P.E. kit in school at all times. Each class will be given specific P.E. days, however, occasionally this needs to be changed.
- T-shirts in house colours are now available from the school office, at a very reasonable price of £4, we encourage you to purchase these when your child outgrows their current top or needs a new one. Alternatively a plain coloured t-shirt without the school logo can be used.
- Again PLEASE MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS NAMED.
- No jewellery should be worn during PE lessons, including swimming. It is not safe to cover earrings / studs / sleepers with tape. If children wear earrings to school, they need to be able to remove them themselves for PE lessons. If your child is unable to do so, earrings should be removed before coming to school. We advise that if you are going to allow your child to have their ears pierced, that this is done at the start of the summer holidays so that their PE entitlement is not compromised.
- A reminder also, that longer hair should be tied back.



Transition to Year 4

- Unfortunately due to the current situation with COVID 19, we have not been able to run our usual transition programme where children get multiple opportunities to meet their new class teacher and become familiar with their new environment.
- This year we will be doing the following to support your child:
- The teachers have recorded videos to introduce themselves and the classroom environment, these will be available on the Waterbeach School YouTube channel and can be accessed directly from the links below:
- **Ms Innes – Whales** <https://youtu.be/ZqoQdoor-GE>
- **Mrs Freeman – Seals** <https://youtu.be/QaFnOr8cB7E>
- Please share these with your child to help them to become familiar with their new class teacher.
- We would like your child to make an 'All About Me' book so that they can share this with their new class teacher in September – see more detail on the next slide.
- The previous class teacher/s will meet with the new class teacher/s to pass on information about the children.



Summer Holidays

- Naturally we do not expect the children to be working throughout their summer holidays, however, it is very important that they do not completely leave their learning behind.
- Regular reading and maths work (particularly thoroughly securing their number bonds to 100 and practicing their times tables) would be expected so that the children can start September in the best possible position to continue their learning.
- We will be sending out the **Autumn Term Newsletter** in September with more details about the new term.
- **ALL ABOUT ME BOOK** - We are giving each child a book where we would like them to tell us all about themselves. The book will have suggestions of things you could include. This will be very important to share when they come back in September just like they did when they started school.
- Within their All About Me book will be some **activity suggestions** to complete over the holidays.
- If your child has not been in school, please arrange to collect their All About Me book from the **school office**.

Any Questions?

More information will be sent with plans for September as we receive new guidance, if you have any urgent questions please email.

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