# Welcome to Year 4!



#### The Current Year Four Team

#### Thunberg

- Mrs Repsch (Year 4 Leader).
- T.A. Mrs Stiff
- T.A. Miss Gibb







#### The Current Year Four Team

#### **Berners-Lee**

- Mrs Ingles
- T.A. Miss Dodd
- T.A. Miss Ball
- T.A. Ms Ward-Lewis









#### The Current Year Four Team

#### <u>Jemison</u>

- Miss Meiners
- Miss Ledeczky
- T.A. Mrs Brown
- -T.A. Mrs Mitchell
- T.A. Mrs Bridge









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Friday		8.40 - 9.20 Reading English Celebratic English 50.50 - 10.30			English	Maths and Library	Lun ch		PPA - French & RE / PHSE			

## Times Tables



You may be aware that the government introduced the Multiplication Check for all children in Year 4.

It will take place during June (a similar format to the Y1 phonics screening).

It tests the pupils' recall of their times tables from 2 to 12.

It is computer based – pupils can use iPads, laptops and some have adult support to type if required.

They have 6 seconds to answer each question.

We are doing lots to prepare your children for this so that this is something that they are used to and not a new and daunting experience for them.

#### Times tables



- Baseline assessment to find out where the pupils are at in September.
- Each week the children will be expected to learn their times tables, focussing on the ones they struggle with.
- TT Rockstars at home will support this too.

The children should be practising their times tables in this order:

- \*: 2 5 10 3 4 8
- \*\*: 6 7 9 11 12
- \*\*\*: All

### PE and Swimming

PE days for Thunberg Class are Tuesday and Wednesday. PE days for Jemison Class are on a Monday and a Friday. Berners-Lee Class have PE on a Tuesday (swimming) and Wednesday. Swimming will take place on a Tuesday and Berners-Lee are the first class to attend. Thunberg Class will be swimming in Terms 3 and 4. Jemison Class will be swimming Terms 5 and 6.

You will receive a letter closer to the event, however so that you can plan ahead here is the general information on the letter:

- It is during school hours and will exclude half term.
- Children can come to school with their swimming costumes on under their PE kit. If they choose to change at the pool, then they must remember that they will only have a short amount of time to do so, therefore you may wish to practise this at home! This is up to you and the children to decide which you prefer.
- Larkfield's swimming lesson policy states that swimming costumes must be one piece and not bikini or tankini and shorts should not be below the knee. Children can wear swim t-shirts if they want to.
- Long hair must be tied back.
- If your child wishes to wear a swimming hat then they will need to put this on independently, prior to the lesson.
- If your child is able to remove their earrings, then this is preferable.
- Children are encouraged to bring their own goggles, even if they are non-swimmers. This often helps with confidence in the pool when learning to swim.

### PE and Swimming

For PE, we ask that children come in the correct school uniform.

This includes:

Navy shadow stripe short Navy Hoodie with The Discovery School logo PE shirt in the colour of the child's allocated house

All children need trainers for inside and outside sports.

During winter months children should have a winter sports kit of navy blue sweatshirt or navy blue hoodie and navy blue jogging bottoms.

#### Break and lunchtime



Please ensure that healthy snacks and food are brought into school where possible.

The new draft Food Policy will be sent to you as soon as the DfE has updated its Food Standards.

However, nuts and items that may contain nuts should not come into school so that we can keep everyone safe!

### Reading Why read 20 minutes at home?



### Homework Expectations

- Reading every night to be recorded in the reading record, which we would like to see on a Tuesday and Friday.
- Times tables the children must spend some time learning their tables each week.
- Weekly spellings pattern.
- Additional tasks will be available on Purple Mash linked to a current topic or on Reading Plus.

### <u>Reading Trees!</u>

- We are carrying on with our popular Reading tree this year. There will be 36 high quality books will be in each class.
- The list of these books is n the school website and sent home.
- The aim is for children to read <u>30 books</u> to earn a <u>Gold</u>
  <u>Certificate.</u>
- If they read <u>20 books,</u> they can earn a <u>Silver Certificate.</u>
- If they read <u>10 books</u>, they can earn a <u>Bronze</u>
  <u>Certificate!</u>
- Children can read these books to you, and you can read them to your child.
- Books can be taken home, but we ask that they are well looked after and returned! Staff from each class will be monitoring which books are going home.
- Children will be encouraged to take responsibility to record when they have read each book, so they know when they have completed the challenge!





#### Expectations for Year 4 pupils.

- Greater independence working walls, class dictionaries.
- Develop a greater sense of resilience and maturity
- Always putting in 100% effort.
- High expectations of presentation and behaviour.
- Children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack at break time - no chocolate, crisps or nuts.
- Polite, kind and courteous behaviour follow the school values of honesty, friendship, kindness, respect and perseverance.
- Always smartly dressed in correct uniform (labelled please). This includes the correct PE kit.

#### Our aim - to have all children issued with a pen licence by the end of Year 4.

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### **Rewards and Sanctions**

#### Rewards

 Stickers, house points, postcards of praise, behaviour ladder, star of the week, head teacher awards, deputy head awards, excellence awards, and share good work with other classes and staff.

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#### Sanctions

- warnings, isolated learning within class or within the year group, missed minutes from playtimes.
- Sent to Year Group Leader or members of the SLT as set out in the behaviour policy.
- Parents informed as appropriate.

#### Term 1 and 2

What did the Romans bring to Britain?

Enrichment opportunity: cooking outdoors, Roman Britain trip TBC

#### Term 3 and 4

What makes our world wonderful?

Enrichment opportunity: outdoor learning activity

### Term 5 and 6

What makes the Anglo-Saxons special? Enrichment opportunity: external workshop TBC

#### English – Do all people have the same dreams?

Key Texts: Little People, BIG DREAMS

Writing genres: Biographical writing

SPaG and reading comprehension skills taught through key texts. PSHE – How can we look after our wellbeing?

How can we be a good friend?

What is diversity?

Dyslexia

Music – Ukulele

Recognising chords

Copying and repeating patterns

#### Art and Design -What's in a portrait?

Exploring tints, tones and shades

Artist study - Amedeo Modigliani

Developing artistic skills using watercolours and acrylics

#### LITTLE PEOPLE, BIG DREAM

RE – What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?

How do people from religious and non-religious communities celebrate key festivals?

Science – What is sound and how do we hear?

Understanding and explaining what sound is, how it is formed, how it travels and how we can manipulate different sounds.



French - How can we build on our existing French knowledge?

Listening and responding, speaking, reading, writing and inter-cultural skills.

#### Computing

Use Lego Wedo to solve algorithm problems and use basic code.

Understand and debug simple code.

#### PE

Outdoor: How can we use a range of skills and tactics to improve our performance?

Netball

Understand the basic rules

Develop passing, defending and attacking skills

Use key skills in a game situation

Dance – Cheerleading

Develop fundamental skills and movement

Develop rules and teamwork

#### Learning updates & Year group page



https://www.discovery.kent.sch.uk/year-groups/year-4/

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#### Our music offer @ The Discovery School



#### Whole class ensemble teaching - wcet





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In Year 4, all pupils learn how to play the ukulele as part of their music curriculum.

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The lessons develop children's musicianship skills as well as their confidence in playing and performing together.

Ukulele lessons are delivered by a specialist Music Teacher and are part funded by the Music Plus Scheme.

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Each class will receive a 30-minute lesson per week throughout the whole academic year..

Children are able to borrow a school ukulele for their lessons but can purchase their own instrument if they choose. The year's programme will culminate in an end of year performance to parents to celebrate progress.

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All children from year 1 to 6 have the opportunity to learn a range of instruments as part of the school's co-curricular offer.

Lessons are delivered by independent peripatetic tutors and take place during the school day.

The tutors liaise with class teachers and rotate lesson times each term to avoid children missing the same subjects.

Children can choose to learn the piano, violin, electric guitar, clarinet, flute, cornet, trumpet, saxophone, classical guitar or continue with the ukulele.

Children can also learn to play as part of a band selecting either drums, keyboard, lead guitar, bass guitar or vocals.











FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP MUSIC LESSONS, PLEASE CONTACT Mrs Wilce-Cordner, Assistant Headteacher for ks2. jwilce@discovery.kent.sch.uk

### Pick-up

- Some children in Year 4 may need to walk home with older siblings in Year 5 and 6. If this is the case, you will need to email your wishes in advance to your child's class teacher. They will then need to discuss the arrangements with you before agreeing - we cannot agree to this on the day, without having had a discussion with you first.
- This also applies if you want your child to walk home on their own.

#### Absences

- Please make sure that if you are emailing your child's class teacher to report an absence, you also email the school office (<u>office@discovery.kent.sch.uk</u>)
- Alternatively, you can phone and leave a message if the office is not open yet.

#### Medication

- All medication must be taken to the school office by an adult as it needs to be signed in.
- We are unable to administer any medication children bring into the classroom.



#### **Open Door**

- Telephone 01732 847000
- Email office change of pick up, appointments, absence.
- office@discovery.kent.sch.uk
- You can email your class teacher and staff will respond to e-mails within 48 hours between the hours of 7:30am - 5pm. If the email appears to be of a complex nature, we will usually invite you to come into school and meet with us if appropriate or telephone you.
- Class teacher emails:

jrepsch@discovery.kent.sch.uk (Year 4 Leader) ringles@discovery.kent.sch.uk

<u>hmeiners@discovery.kent.sch.uk</u>

<u>eledeczky@discovery.kent.sch.uk</u> (please email both Miss Meiners and Miss Ledeczky for Jemison class)

### Any questions?

