

Welcome to Year 4!



The Current Year Four Team

Jemison

- Miss Stock
- T.A. Mrs. Boswell



The Current Year Four Team

Thunberg

- Miss Talbot
- Miss Stapley
- T.A. Mrs. Bailey



The Current Year Four Team

Berners-Lee

- Mrs. Dey
- T.A. Mrs. Tobin
- Mrs. Catling and Mrs. Clubb



The Current Year Four Team

Head of Year:

– Mr. Stannard



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: coast trip (links to geography)



What our day looks like...usually

- 8:35 - Gate opens
- 8:45 - Gate closes - you must be here by this time!
- 8:45 - 8:55 - Register
- 9:00 - Maths
- 10:10 - Get ready for assembly
- 10:20 - Assembly
- 10:40 - Break
- 10:55 - English
- 12:00 - Guided Reading
- 12:30 - Lunch
- 1:30 - Afternoon lessons
- 3:00 - DEAR
- 3:10 - Get ready for the end of the day
- 3:15 - Home - time



Remember that things
can and do change and
we need to be as
resilient as we can when
they do.

PE and Swimming

Year 4 PE Days: Tuesday (outdoor) and Thursday (indoor)

Swimming will take place on a Tuesday and Jemison are the first class to attend. Berners-Lee Class will be swimming in Terms 3 and 4. Thunberg 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 practice 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, 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.



PE and Swimming

Summer P.E uniform:

Navy shadow stripe shorts

Navy Hoodie with The Discovery School logo

PE T-shirt in the colour of the child's allocated house

All children need trainers for inside and outside sports.

Winter P.E uniform:

Navy blue sweatshirt or navy blue hoodie

Navy blue jogging bottoms

PE T-shirt in the colour of the child's allocated house



Break and lunchtime



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

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



Homework Expectations – set on a Friday, due on Wednesday.

- **Reading every night** – to be recorded in the reading record, which we would like to see on a Tuesday.
- **Reading Plus** – one read and one vocabulary activity per week (minimum).
- **Times tables (Monster Multiplication)** – the children must spend some time learning their tables each week.
- **Weekly spellings pattern.**
- **Homework will be set on Class Dojo.**



Reading

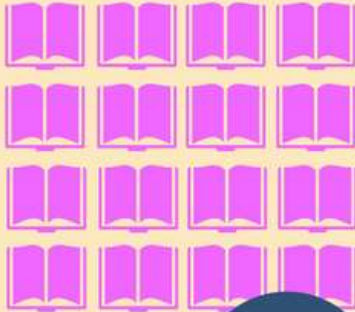
Why read 20 minutes at home?

STUDENTS WHO READ:

 20 minutes

PER DAY

3,600 minutes per school year
1,800,000 words per year



SCORE IN THE 90TH
PERCENTILE ON
STANDARDIZED TESTS

STUDENTS WHO READ:

 5 minutes

PER DAY

900 minutes per school year
282,000 words per year



SCORE IN THE 50TH
PERCENTILE ON
STANDARDIZED TESTS

STUDENTS WHO READ:

 1 minute

PER DAY

180 minutes per school year
8,000 words per year



SCORE IN THE 10TH
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www.ReadFortWorth.org

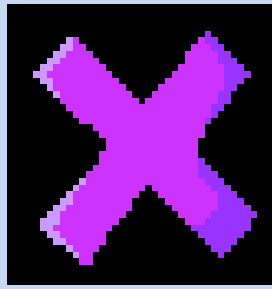
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Reading Trees!

- There will be 36 high quality books will be in each class.
- The list of these books is on the school website.
- 30 books = **Gold Certificate.**
- 20 books = **Silver Certificate.**
- 10 books = **Bronze Certificate!**
- 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 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!



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.



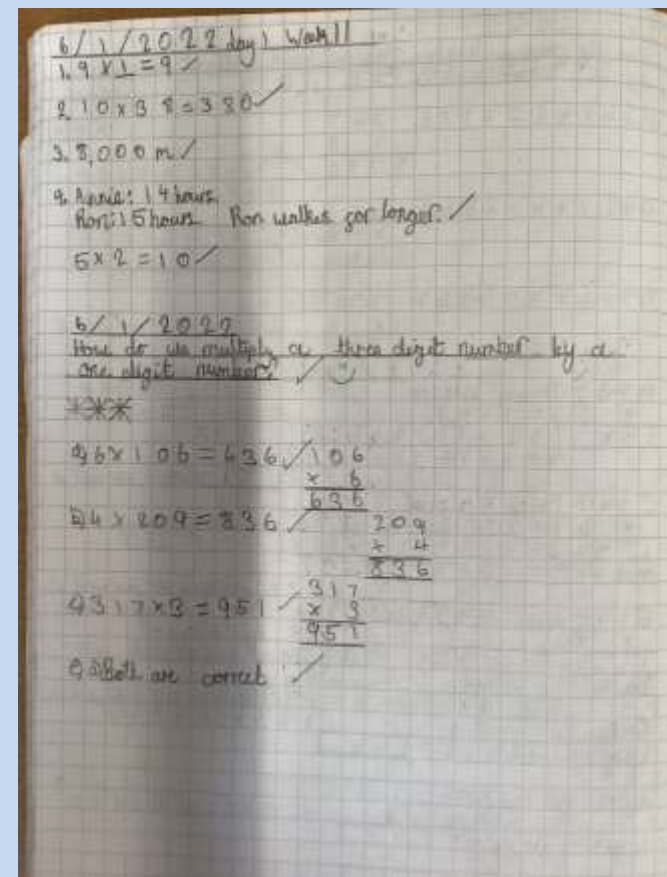
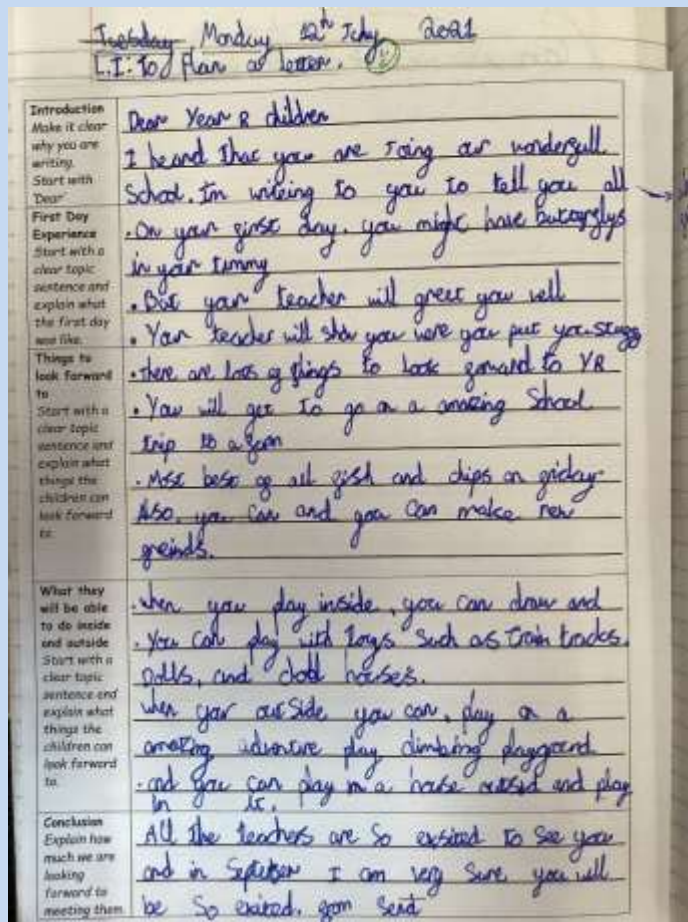
Expectations for Year 4 pupils

- **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.**
- **Polite, kind and courteous behaviour – follow the school values**
- **Always smartly dressed in correct uniform (labelled please). This includes the correct P.E kit.**



All children will be using a pen for writing.

All children will still use a pencil for maths and drawing.





Our music offer

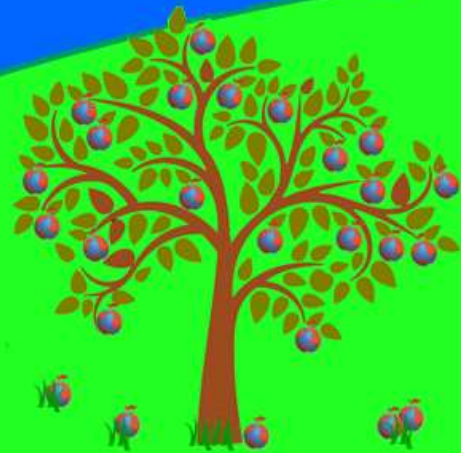
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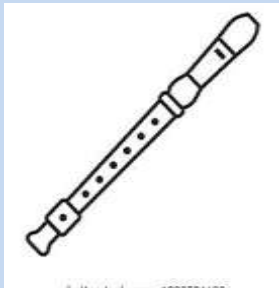
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Learning a Voyage of Discovery



Whole class ensemble teaching - wcet



Recorder

Y3



Ukulele

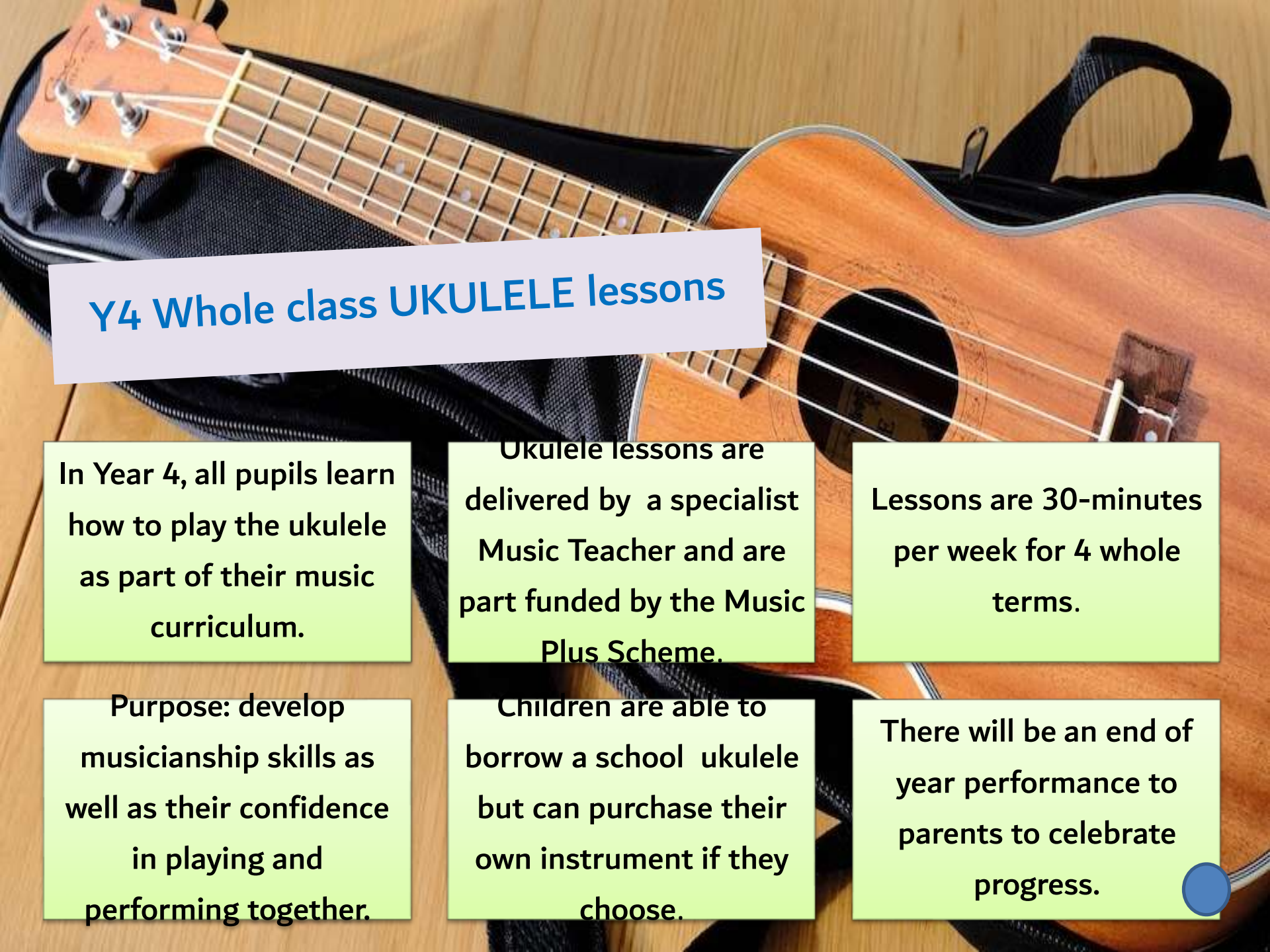
Y4



Djembe

Y5





Y4 Whole class UKULELE lessons

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

Purpose: develop 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.

Children are able to borrow a school ukulele but can purchase their own instrument if they choose.

Lessons are 30-minutes per week for 4 whole terms.

There will be an end of year performance to parents to celebrate progress.

Rewards and Sanctions

- **Rewards**

- Stickers, value points, Postcards of Praise, behaviour ladder, Star of the Week, Head Teacher Awards, Deputy Headteacher Awards and Excellence Awards

- **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.



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.



Pick-up

- Some children may need to walk home with older siblings. If this is the case, you will need to email 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 (after October half term).

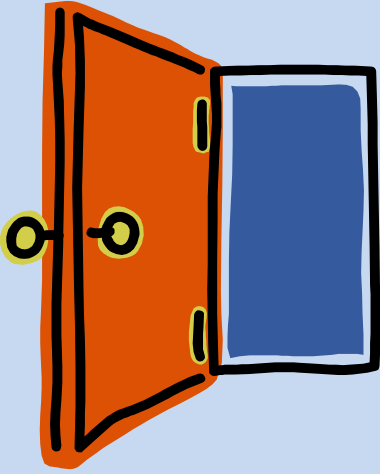


Absences

- Please email your child's class teacher to report an absence, and the school office (office@discovery.kent.sch.uk)
- Alternatively, you can phone and leave a message if the office is not open yet.



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:

kstannard@discovery.kent.sch.uk (Year 4 Leader)

lstock@discovery.kent.sch.uk (Jemison)

kdey@discovery.kent.sch.uk (Berners-Lee)

ntalbot@discovery.kent.sch.uk (Thunberg) dstapley@discovery.kent.sch.uk



Follow us on Instagram for exciting learning updates!





The FODS committee are a group of volunteers made up of parents, teachers and staff members.

We plan and run multiple fundraising initiatives over the year to raise money which is donated to the school including:

- * Fireworks night
- * Summer Fair
- * Easter Egg hunt
- * Christmas Fair
- * Raffles
- * Christmas cards designed

These donations go towards various projects which benefit your children day to day in school.

We are always looking for volunteers and committee members to help make all our work possible. We welcome anyone who would like to give some of their time to help the FODs in their plans, that can be in the lead up to or on event day itself.

If you would like to find out more or offer your help, contact Amy Russell and Lou Bettridge at discovery.fods@gmail.com



Any questions?

