



Welcome to Year 4

- ▶ Mrs Priestley
- ▶ Mrs Jennings
- ▶ Mrs Rumble
- ▶ Mrs Pearce

Year 4 Staff

Teaching Staff:

- ▶ Mrs Jennings
- ▶ Mrs Priestley
- ▶ Mrs Rumble
- ▶ Mrs Pearce

Support Staff:

- Mrs Petford
- Mrs Matthews
- Miss Pinfold

Year 4

We have been really pleased with the way in which the children have settled into the first few days of Year 4.

They have:

- Settled into a new routine;**
- Embraced a new curriculum and challenges;**
- Responded well as a class to a change of staff.**



Our school values

- ▶ Respect
- ▶ Honesty
- ▶ Perseverance
- ▶ Collaboration
- ▶ Creativity
- ▶ Equality

'High expectations and nurturing relationships mean that pupils develop into successful, independent learners.'
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RHW

- ▶ Building on the knowledge and discussion from their Relationships, Health and Wellbeing lessons in Year 3 – the pupils in Year 4 will continue to explore key areas, which include:
- ▶ Staying Safe
- ▶ Friendships and Families
- ▶ Belonging to a Community
- ▶ Physical Health and Wellbeing
- ▶ Media literacy and digital resilience
- ▶ Respecting ourselves and others
- ▶ Safe Relationships
- ▶ Money and Work
- ▶ Growing and Changing

Safeguarding

- ▶ Safeguarding is of the utmost importance so we will only release children to designated adults. (Y3,4,5)
- ▶ Please inform us if children will be going home with a different adult/friend after school
- ▶ It is essential that all medical and emergency contact forms are kept up to date
- ▶ Please keep mobile phone numbers up to date for emergency text messaging system.

'Caring staff make sure that all pupils get the support they need to be calm and purposeful learners'. OFSTED 2020



At Gig Mill we celebrate positive attendance.

Attendance

DFE guidelines 2023

- ▶ Expectation of at least 96% attendance
- ▶ Threshold for persistent absence is 90%

‘Pupils learn the phonics they need to be able to read a range of books. Exciting storytelling by teachers develops a love of reading’

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▶ Term time holidays will not be authorised

Parents Evening

- ▶ **As we approach half term, we will have our first parents evening sessions. By this time, the children will have settled fully into their new classes and will be used to new routines and expectations.**
- ▶ **Your child's class teacher will be able to provide you with an outline of the progress that they have made, where they can be supported further and what their particular strengths are.**
- ▶ **A letter will be sent home by Mrs. Hannaway regarding this nearer the time.**

Classrooms

- ▶ You will have the opportunity to visit your child's class as part of parents evening

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PE Days

- ▶ For the Autumn term our day will be THURSDAY. Swimming will be on TUESDAY
- ▶ Children will still be coming into school wearing their kit including the correct house colour t-shirt and suitable footwear.
- ▶ For outdoor PE, they will need long trousers and a warm top. This half term will be dance.
- ▶ Please ensure your child has their hair tied up and that they are not wearing earrings on that day.

What to bring to school

every day

- ▶ Water bottle
- ▶ Reading book and reading record
- ▶ Coat (regardless of the weather)
- ▶ Jumper/cardigan
- ▶ Healthy Snack
- ▶ Dinner money

No big bags

Curriculum

- ▶ Maths – including fluency and times tables (TTRS).
- ▶ English – including SPaG and Kinetic Letters.
- ▶ Guided reading – whole class and small groups.
- ▶ IL – History, Geography
- ▶ RHW
- ▶ RE
- ▶ PE – including swimming
- ▶ Science
- ▶ ICT
- ▶ French – with Mrs Priestley
- ▶ Recorders – whole class with Mrs Knee from DPA

Topics

- ❖ Autumn Term – **Saxons and Vikings (Intrepid Invaders)**
- ❖ Spring Term - **Egyptians**
- ❖ Summer Term – **Rivers and Mountains**

Reading

- ▶ Reading comprehension sessions
- ▶ Guided reading groups
- ▶ Home readers - independent choice, changed when finished
- ▶ Classes will also have a class reader and will be exposed to a range of different texts through our topics.

Reading foc

This half term our reading focus will be on vocabulary.

Below is a selection of questions that you could ask when reading with your child:

- In this sentence _____ is closest in meaning to _____?
- The author uses _____. _____ has two different definitions, do you know what they both mean?
- The author uses _____. Why do you think they chose this word?
- The author uses _____. Which of these words could be used to give a similar meaning in the sentence?
- Which word best describe _____?
- What does this word/phrase/sentence tell you about _____?
- Select a key phrase or line. By writing a line in this way what effect has the author created?
- Why does the author use _____ repeatedly?
- The writer uses words like _____ to describe _____. What does this tell you _____?

Multiplication Check

- ▶ **The national curriculum specifies that pupils should be taught to recall the multiplication tables up to and including 12×12 by the end of Year 4.**
- ▶ **Pupils must recall the answer to a times table question within six seconds.**
- ▶ **This check will help us to identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided.**

Spellings

- Every week your child will receive their new spellings and they will be tested on Mondays
- Spellings will be suitable for their level

Art Aprons

- If you are able to provide an apron for art (old shirt), please send a named one in that your child can keep in their locker.
- Any spares welcome!

Behaviour

Rewards:-

- ▶ House points
- ▶ Traffic Lights
- ▶ Golden time
- ▶ Raffle tickets
- ▶ Notes home

E-safety- keeping your children safe on-line at home and at school

We teach all the children in Year 4 about staying safe on-line. Lots of our children use laptops, phones and tablets at home and are independently using the internet regularly. Remember to look on our newsletters for the recommended e-safety websites for parents - there is lots of fantastic advice and support out there.

Mobile phones are not allowed in school. If you require your child to bring a phone, please discuss it with the teacher who will check it is turned off and locked away til the end of the day.

If you ever have any concerns please speak to one of our DSLs – Mrs Hannaway, Mrs Suchomski, Mrs Garratt or Mrs Powell

Try:

▶ <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

▶ <http://www.nsncc.org.uk>

Thank you for your continued support.