

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to a new term at Mayfield. We hope it will be a very happy and successful year for your child in Year 4.

In this letter we aim to give you an indication of what your child will be covering in the curriculum, as well as other information, which we hope you will find useful.

Autumn Curriculum

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
English	Roald Dahl Dictionary skills, character description Poetry	Recounts- Newspaper Reports/Roman myths Letter back from Vindolanda
Maths	Area Multiplication Place Value	Addition and subtraction Multiplication and division
Science	States of matter	Living things and their habitats
History	N/A	The Roman Empire
Geography	Physical Geography (Volcanoes)	N/A
R.E.	Fairness	The Bible and other special books.
P.E.	OAA (Outdoor Adventurous Activities) Swimming	Basketball Gymnastics- flight
P.S.H.E	Rights, rules and responsibilities and democratic decision making.	My emotions
Music	Recorders	Musical terms
DT	Papier-mâché volcanoes	Christmas decorations
Computing	We are Software developers	We are toy designers
Art	Painting – linked to Geography Quentin Blake art	Collage- linked to History (mosaics)
MFL	Animals	Animals
Out and About	Book Buddies with year 1 Poetry, conservation area, “Bits and Bobs” Art in the style of Andy Goldsworthy and James Brunt	Book Buddies with year 1 Conservation area, Roman drills and cooking

All children should have a named water bottle in school **every day**. They should take their bottle home regularly to be washed and refilled.

All children need an **indoor and outdoor pair of shoes** with them at school **every day**. Sensible slippers may be worn as indoor shoes. Children are encouraged to wear school colours (blue) and long hair should be tied back

PE lessons will be on **Wednesday** (Swimming/ Indoor) and **Friday** (outdoor), but we suggest that children have their PE kit in school every day as changes sometimes occur. Children should not be wearing their everyday school uniform for PE so please make sure that your child has a complete change of clothing, including socks. They will need a T-shirt and shorts for indoor PE and tracksuit bottoms and a jumper for outside. The children need a pair of PE shoes suitable for running e.g. trainers. These could double up as outdoor shoes. Please ensure that your child has their P.E. kit at the start of the week. Long hair should be tied back and earrings should be removed. Children are expected to remove their own earrings so it may be easier for your child to not wear any on PE days. Remember to clearly label all P.E. kit!

Your child will have a red homework book, which they should take home on Fridays and return on Wednesday mornings. As well as daily practice of Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) and daily reading (see below), children are expected to complete a practical Maths activity and a reading activity each week. In addition, children may sometimes be given additional work to provide them

with specific support. Please be aware that we have amended our marking policy for homework. We will now only tick the work. Some teachers may add extra comments but this is at the teacher's discretion.

Reading

It is really important that your child reads regularly. Sometimes they will read to you; sometimes they will read on their own. It is also worthwhile for children to listen to books, including those that they cannot read independently. Please enjoy a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry with your child. If you need support in choosing books or reading materials, please speak to your child's teacher or visit the school library which is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. It is also really beneficial for children to hear adults read to them even when they can read for themselves.

There is a log book at the back of their homework book for children to record books they have read or been read. We attach a copy of the Year 4 recommended reading list to this letter.

Please be aware of the following:

Medication in School

If it is absolutely necessary for your child to be given a dose of antibiotics etc during the school day please take note of the following:

- ALL medication coming in to school must be clearly labelled with the child's name and dose (pharmacist's label if prescription medicine)
- You must also send in written permission and details of what time the medicine is to be given.
- All medicine to be handed in at the office.
- Your child should be instructed to go to the first aid room when their medication is due.

If your child needs an Asthma inhaler, this should be kept in the pink tray in class.

Children should bring in a healthy snack (**fruit or vegetable**) for break times as fruit is not provided. This does not include dried fruit in wrappers (e.g. YoYo bears). No nuts at playtimes please.

If you or another family member would like to help in the classroom on a regular or occasional basis or to assist on school trips, we are always grateful for extra pairs of hands. Please see us as soon as possible as some paperwork is required. We would be particularly grateful for volunteers who could listen to children read between 8.45 and 9.15am (Tuesday to Thursday).

We are looking forward to working with you to support your child(ren) over the coming year. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact us. Our email addresses are: jcaisova@mayfield.cambs.sch.uk or dtaylor@mayfield.cambs.sch.uk or you can catch us after school.

Yours sincerely,

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