

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) 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 Internet safety.	We are toy designers
Art	Painting – Quentin Blake Collage linked to volcanoes	Collage- linked to History (mosaics)
MFL	Animals	Animals
Out and About	Poetry, conservation area, OAA 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 on a Monday (when a fresh one has been bought in) 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.

Your child will have a red homework book, which they should keep at home, Homework to be loaded on to Seesaw by Monday, and will be set on Tuesday. 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.

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. It is worth having subtitles on their TV programs, and listening to audio books.

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. It can include savoury snacks such as bread sticks or rice cakes.

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

Yours sincerely,

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