

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome to back to a new school year 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
<b>English</b>	The journey	Escape from Pompeii
<b>Maths</b>	Place value Addition and subtraction	Multiplication and division Area
<b>Science</b>	States of matter	Sound
<b>History</b>	N/A	The Romans in Britain
<b>Geography</b>	Volcanoes	N/A
<b>R.E.</b>	Is it fair? Exploring fairness in the world	What is the bible and why is it so important to Christians?
<b>P.E.</b>	OAA (Outdoor Adventurous Activities) Swimming	OAA (Outdoor Adventurous Activities) Gymnastics
<b>P.S.H.E</b>	Family and friends	My emotions
<b>Music</b>	Singing in unison and note duration	Recorders
<b>DT</b>	Papier-mâché volcanoes	Christmas decorations
<b>Computing</b>	Computing systems and networks	Audio production
<b>Art</b>	Volcano painting inspired by Frank Bowling	Collage - linked to History (mosaics)
<b>MFL</b>	Animals	Animals

All children should have a named water bottle in school **every day**. They should take their bottle home on a Friday to be washed and this should be returned on a **Monday**.

### Clothing

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 must wear school colours (blue and white) and long hair should be tied back.

Indoor **PE** is on Mondays and outdoor PE is on Fridays. PE kit must be brought in on these days and be clearly labelled. Initially we will have swimming on Monday afternoons so please bring in a swimming kit.

For **out and about** on Wednesdays, please ensure your child has on long sleeves and long trousers, as well as extra layers and raincoats if needed. We go out even if it is raining and if a child does not have the appropriate clothing, they will have to stay inside.

### Homework

As well as daily practice of times tables and daily reading (see below), children are expected to complete a reading/writing activity each week. In addition, children may sometimes be given additional work to provide them with specific support. The purpose of this homework is to develop independence. As such, the homework tasks are relatively simple and able to be completed independently. Your child will have a red homework book, which they should keep at home. Homework will be set on Seesaw on a Wednesday and is to be uploaded to Seesaw by the following Tuesday. There will be time at lunch on Tuesday for children to complete their homework if they have not done it during the week at home.

### 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.

### **Times tables**

The statutory Year 4 multiplication check will be taking place in the second half of summer term. Please make sure your child is practising their times tables daily to improve fluency and speed. This will also help them access maths lessons better and improve their understanding of number.

Please be aware of the following:

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: [rbest@mayfield.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:rbest@mayfield.cambs.sch.uk), [rbarnes@mayfield.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:rbarnes@mayfield.cambs.sch.uk) or [estow@mayfield.cambs.scu.uk](mailto:estow@mayfield.cambs.scu.uk). You can also catch us after school if you need to talk about anything.

Yours sincerely,

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