

Welwyn St. Mary's Primary School

Autumn Term

2023



Year 4



Welcome to Year 4.

Our values for this term are:

Thankfulness and Trust

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<p>Mrs Crofts and Mrs Dunstan <i>Class Teachers</i></p> <p>Mrs Stanley <i>Teaching Assistant</i></p>	<p>Miss Parkin <i>Class Teacher</i></p> <p>Mrs Rogers <i>Teaching Assistant</i></p> <p>PPA Cover <i>Mrs Crofts</i></p>

Hello and welcome to Year 4,

We hope that you find all the information in this leaflet useful. If you have any further questions about the term ahead, please do let us know so that we can arrange a time to talk to you.

There are a few things that you can do to help us:

- Please ensure that your child brings their Home Learning Record and reading book to school every day.
- Please ensure that your child's clothing (**cardigans, jumpers and PE hoodies** in particular!) is named.
- Please do not hesitate to let us know if your child struggles with a piece of homework (a note on the actual piece of homework or in their Home Learning Record is fine).
- Please also ensure that all packed lunch items are '**nut free**' as we do have children in Year 4 with allergies. Thank you for your consideration.

Daily Routines:

We encourage each child to learn and follow simple daily routines in order to make them independent and responsible for their own belongings. It would be an enormous help to the staff and your child if you could support this by doing the following:

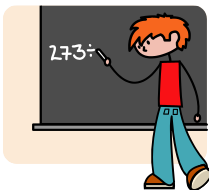
- Dropping your child off at the KS2 waiting area every morning at 08:35.
- Giving your child a piece of fruit (or vegetable) to eat at break time.
- Ensuring your child wears their PE kit on the correct day - Tuesdays and Thursdays for both classes.
- Ensuring your child has their book, Home Learning Record and lunch box (if they need one) with them in the morning. Please remember to sign your child's Home Learning Record every time you hear them read and you read to them at the end of the week.
- Picking up your child at 3:20pm

Topics for this Term

We shall be following the national curriculum to ensure that our school offers an education which is balanced and broad. We will also be working across subjects on identifying and patching up any gaps children may have from previous years - particularly in English and maths.

English

The children will be taught English skills each day. The children will explore narratives through story and diary writing and they will look at the structure of explanation texts.



Mathematics

Maths will be taught each day in the morning. We will focus on place value, addition and subtraction and multiplication.

For more information about what your children will be learning in maths throughout the year please visit our website www.welwynst-marys.herts.sch.uk. You can also find a useful vocabulary list, some games you might wish to play with your child and a document outlining the progression of written methods in mathematics.

In June, the children will complete the statutory Multiplication Tables Check which will last approximately 5 minutes and will check all times tables up to and including 12. A parent meeting will be scheduled to cover the details of this check in due course.

Religious Education



During Year 4, the children will study two major world religions: Christianity and Sikhism. During the Autumn term, they will find out about the key beliefs and festivals celebrated by the followers of Sikhism. They will also study the Creation and Fall and the Christmas story.

Science

During Autumn term, the children will immerse themselves in the idea of working scientifically. Through the design and creation of a Floating Garden, Year 4 will develop STEM concepts such as problem solving, creativity, teamwork and critical analysis. In the second half of the term, the children will begin our 'Electricity' topic, drawing and creating their own circuits.

Some home reading around these topics will be helpful to your child. If they have access to the internet, the following BBC website may also be of interest to them.

[Electricity - BBC Bitesize](#)

Computing

In computing this term, we will be learning about the Internet, and learning about and making Podcasts.

PSHE

In PSHE, as this is the start of a new academic year, we will focus on 'Being Me' and then move on to looking at 'Celebrating Difference'. We use the Jigsaw scheme of work in PSHE across the school.

Geography and History

In history we will be learning about the Romans in Britain. We will be linking the spread of the Roman Empire to the geography of Europe, with an emphasis on Italy as the term progresses.

Design Technology and Art

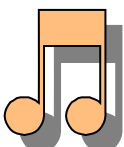
This half-term we will be exploring colour and shading and how we can use it as an expressive tool in our work. After half term, we will be looking at levers and mechanisms in DT as we make pop-up books.

PE



Please ensure that your child comes to school in appropriate PE kit on the correct day - Tuesdays and Thursdays for both classes. We will be enjoying indoor athletics, cricket and swimming. Please ensure children bring their swimming kit on a Thursday.

Music



In Music, the children will be exploring the music of ABBA and learning to repeat rhythms and riffs using their voices and tuned percussion instruments.

French



The children will be taught French by Madame Farrington. They will be learning about colours and parts of the body.

Homework

Maths

Once they have been delivered, the children will complete a maths book **page** every **Wednesday** which is designed to support and consolidate what they have been learning in class. This is due in on the following **Wednesday**. We are more than happy for you to help your child with their homework but please indicate that you have done so; WH = With Help, U = unaided.

Your child will also need to practise all the times tables and divisions. There is a times tables test every **Tuesday** that may focus on a particular table (test one week, focused activity the next).

English

The children will be given spellings to learn for a weekly test on **Friday**. As part of their homework, they are expected to write a sentence for each word and to complete any corrections from the test before.

It is so important that children read at home for a minimum of ten minutes, five times a week.

We would ask that you support your child with these homework activities, and please remember to sign your child's home learning record book at the end of each week.

Daily Equipment

Please encourage your child to come into school prepared for the day ahead. They must bring their reading book into school every day. They can also have a small pencil case with the following items:

- Pencil, rubber, sharpener
- Blue handwriting pen (not a biro)
- 15cm or 30cm clear ruler
- Glue stick and some colouring pencils.

These items can be purchased from the stationery shop in school.

Looking Smart in School Uniform.

Our school endeavours to ensure that our uniform is as gender neutral as possible.

School Uniform	
Trousers, shorts, skirt, pinafore	Grey
Polo shirt, shirt, blouse (with or without logo)	White
School sweatshirt, cardigan *(with or without logo)	Maroon
Plain sensible shoes (no trainers, sandals or boots)	Black
Socks/tights (not trainer socks)	Plain grey
School pink check cotton dress and plain white socks (maybe worn in summer term and up to October half term only)	
*Preferably children should have one sweatshirt or cardigan with a logo	

Additional items	
Water bottle	
Sun hat (in summer)	
Reception and Year 1 - School book bag from uniform supplier	
Year 2 - Year 6 - Small rucksack	
Hair accessories- small plain clips, bands, ribbons in brown, black or maroon	
Key stage 2 - Shin pads for hockey and football	
Optional fleece or jacket with school logo for outdoor use	
PE Kit	
Plain PE shorts	Black
Long plain tracksuit bottoms for colder weather	Black
Trainers for outdoor games	
PE hoodie with house coloured logo	Available from uniform suppliers
Key Stage 1 and Reception only Coloured 'house' T-shirt	Available from the school office
Key Stage 2 only PE polo shirt with coloured house logo	Available from uniform suppliers
PE kit should be worn to school on PE days	

Jewellery

The only permitted jewellery that may be worn is:

- One pair of stud earrings (no other piercings are permitted). Earrings must be taken out or taped for PE.
- A sensible wristwatch (a smartwatch maybe worn if classroom mode is enabled at all times), whilst on the school site and school trips etc.

Jewellery is the responsibility of the pupil and not the school.

Hair

Long hair needs to be tied back for school, this is for safety and hygiene reasons and to ensure that children's vision is not impeded. Hair should not be cut too short and should not have designs / tramlines shaven into it.

Hairstyles should be smart and moderate in style. Brightly coloured hair is not permitted.

Large, excessive hair accessories should not be worn; however, small hair clips or plain headbands or ribbons in brown, black or maroon are acceptable.

At the Headteacher's discretion, there may be exceptions to the above in extreme circumstances e.g. a pupil may be permitted to cover their hair if they have hair loss / illness etc.

Make-Up

Pupils are not allowed to wear make-up or nail varnish. False nails are not permitted.

Labelling

All clothing, shoes, water bottles and school bags should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Any lost clothing is to be taken to the lost property box. All lost property is retained for a term and is disposed of if it is not collected within this time.

The school and Local Authority do not accept liability for loss or damage to personal property and we therefore do not encourage children to bring such items, including toys to school. Mobile phones are not permitted unless prior consent has been given from Mr Whiteland.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Crofts, Mrs Dunstan and Miss Parkin

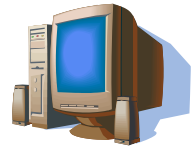
Key Dates for Autumn Term 2023

18th and 19th October - Parent Consultations
23rd - 27th October - Half term holiday
24th November - Occasional day
20th December (Wednesday) - Term ends at **1:20pm**

Please keep checking the monthly newsletter for any new events.

E-Safety

Below is some important information on the school's policies on taking photographs of children as well as a copy of the e-safety agreement that the children sign.



Online Images & Video - *What should we think about before adding online any images or video? Are there any risks?*

Facts

- Once online any image or video can be copied and stay online forever.
- Some children are at risk and **MUST NOT** have their image put online. Not all members of the school community will know who they are.
- Some people do not want their images online for personal or religious reasons.
- Some children and staff may have a complex family background which means that image sharing online can have unforeseen consequences. We must all '**Think Before We Post**' Online

At Welwyn St. Mary's, we are happy for parents and carers to take photos and video of the school events and productions for *personal use* but request that these images are not distributed or put online. This is to protect all members of the school community

Thank you for your support.

Please note: From time to time, we use photographs of our pupils to promote and celebrate the good work in our school. This might be on our website or in paper form to carefully selected audiences. We never publish a child's name alongside their photograph for reasons of safety. If you do not wish your child's be photograph to be used in this way please send a letter in to your child's teacher.