

Welcome newsletter

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Trips and visitors

This Year we have a lot of exciting events planned to help support your child's learning. As the different trips and events draw closer we will provide you with more information. At the beginning of the autumn term we will provide you with confirmed dates for these trips.

- Hampton Court Palace
- A trip to the Synagogue (WEPA children visit a place of worship each year)
- National Gallery



Welcome to Year 4!

Welcome to Year 4. We hope that you have a good break and feel refreshed and ready to learn. This is an exciting year for the children as they will learn about lots of new interesting topics. We have an exciting year planned for the children and know they will enjoy the challenges, experiences and fun activities we have planned for them. Please take the time to meet your child's class teachers as we are looking forward to getting to know you and your children.

Expectations

In Year 4, we will be focusing on building **positive learning attitudes** with our children. We would like the children to respond positively towards challenges in their learning and to consider coping strategies with situations they find difficult. Now the children are in Year 4, we encourage them to take responsibility for their own learning and to take care of themselves and others. At Wood End Park Academy, we are proud of the achievements our children make and would like them to feel this same sense of pride.

We will help children develop a sense of pride in their learning. This learning attitude should also extend and be used for homework and reading at home; this will help consolidate the skills they learn each day at school.

We look forward to working with you and your children to help them achieve their greatest potential!

Charity work

To continue the successful charity work children at Wood End Park completed last year, in Year 4 we will be raising awareness of the work of **Grief Encounter**.

<https://www.griefencounter.org.uk/>

Grief Encounter support bereaved children and their families to help alleviate the pain caused by the death of someone close.

We will be learning all about the wonderful work this charity does and later on in the year will be working hard to raise money to help support them.

Basic skills for Year 4

This year your children will be assessed in the same way as they were last year; receiving either a working towards, meeting or exceeding the standards. In order to ensure your children leave at age related expectations below are some of the key skills we will be focusing on:

Writing:

- Organises paragraphs around a theme.
- In narratives, create settings, characters and plot.
- Proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors. (You can help them with this at home too!)
- Write from memory simple sentence, dictated by the teachers, which include words and punctuation taught so far.
- Use Standard English forms for verb inflections instead of local spoken forms.
- Use fronted adverbials.
- Choose an appropriate pronoun or noun within and across sentences to aid cohesion and avoid repetition.

Reading:

- Check that the text makes sense to the individual, discussing understanding and explaining the meaning of words in context.
- Draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions and justifies inferences with evidence.
- Predict what might happen from details stated and implied.
- Identify main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarises these.

Maths:

Number and place value

- Count in multiples of six, seven, nine, twenty-five and one thousands.
- Count backwards through zero to include negative numbers.
- Order and compare numbers beyond one thousand.
- Round any number to the nearest ten, one hundred or one thousand.

Please do practise these key maths skills with your child at home.

Year 4 recommended reading list

"The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you'll go."
- Dr. Seuss

This year we would like to encourage the children in Year 4 to spend more time reading for pleasure. Below is a list of recommended reading books that we think your children will enjoy reading! This is a great opportunity for your children to join their local library. If you would like any information on how to do this please ask your child's class teacher.

Flour Babies- Anne Fine

Skellig- David Almond

The Witches- Roald Dahl

Carrie's War- Nina Bawden

Holes- Louis Sachar

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone- JK Rowling

Opening Minds



Opening Minds promotes innovative and integrated ways of thinking about education and the curriculum. Teachers design and develop a curriculum based around the development of five key competences:

1. **Citizenship**
2. **Learning**
3. **Managing Information**
4. **Relating to people**
5. **Managing Situations**

Each term we will be working on a different competency to help develop the children's skills and would love your help to promote these at home too.