Welcome to year 4
Jays and Owls classes

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Welcome to Year 4 parents meeting

- **Expectations**
- **Attendance**
- **Homework**
- **Times tables**
- **Uniform**
- **Residential**
- **Communication**

Expectations

- They haven't changed from last year- the rules are the same.
- Behaviour policy is the same- teachers will communicate with you in line with this.
- In year 4 we want your children to become in dependent and self motivated in producing their best work and always striving to make improvements.

Attendance

- The registers close at 8:45 so children are marked ‘late’ after this time.

- Children need to be accompanied by an adult until the gate opens at the beginning of the day.

- Attendance is important.

Missed time = missed learning.

Uniform





- On PE days, children to come into school in PE kit

Owls Friday and Jays Tuesday. Games is on Thursday for the whole year group.



- Earrings must not be worn on PE/Games days and must be Studs only.
- Children may wear a crucifix but this needs to be removable for PE and games.
- Children MUST be in full uniform unless children come in with a note. Teachers will call parents informing them if their child is not in correct uniform.





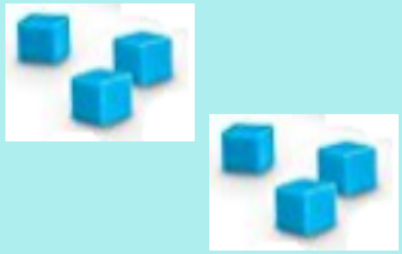
Curriculum

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
History/geog topic	Rainforests	How children's lives have changed?	Where our food comes from?	Anglo Saxons	Rivers	The Ancient Maya
Master reader text	The Iron Man- Ted Hughes	Ice Palace by Robert Swindles	Firework Maker's Daughter- Michael Morpurgo	Men, women and children in Anglo Saxon times by Jane Bingham	Song of the River by Gill Lewis	The Last Bear by Hannah Gold
Art	Story telling through art	Exploring pattern	The art of display	Exploring still life	Sculpture and structure.	Festival feasts.
DT	Cereal food miles	Light up Christmas card	Designing fruit packaging.	Anglo Saxon bread	Building bridges	Maya hot chocolate

PSHE is still the TenTen curriculum from the diocese.

Maths Mastery

Concrete - Pictorial - Abstract





$2 \times 3 = 6$

Fluency - Reasoning - Problem-solving

$3 \times 2 = 6$

$2 \times __ = 6$

How can 6 eggs be arranged in a box?



$6 \div 2 = 3$

$6 \div 3 = 2$

How many ways can a box of 6 eggs be shared?



Reading

- Children are to read at least 15 minutes a day at home. Even if they are a confident independent reader they should read aloud with an adult.
- Children (not doing RWI) have a ZPD (linked to Accelerated reader) and their books are to be within this range.
- Children will go to the library once a week (Wednesday Jays, Thursday Owls) children will choose a book to take home- will be notified if it is late.
- When they complete books, the children complete an Accelerated reader quiz. A complete quiz over 80% will move the children up on the reading race.
- They can do quizzes on books from home (within their ZPD), however not all books can be found on the AR portal.

Spellings

- We have started the Read Write Inc spelling programme.
- Lessons 10-15 minutes daily. Builds on phonics work earlier in school.
- Research shows that frequent practice and consistency help children to remember and apply spelling patterns more effectively in their writing.
- There will be no formal weekly spelling homework or tests. However, we recommend regular practice at home. Your child's weekly spelling words will be shared in the newsletter, and additional activities (in Spelling Extra Practice Zone) can be accessed through the RWI Spelling Portal:

Username: polysyear4
Password: y4polys

Writing and presentation.

- We want children to maintain a high standard of presentation in their work.
- We expect children to follow the handwriting guides we have been using in class.
- Children are taught to edit and improve their writing- and that it is ok to make corrections.
- A wide range of grammar and punctuation is taught throughout the year.
- No pen licenses this year- ALL children will write in pen from Summer 2

What is RSHE?

- RSHE is the lifelong learning about physical, moral and emotional development.
- It is the understanding of the importance of family life, stable & loving relationships, respect, love & care.
- RSHE naturally overlaps with PSHE, RE and Science.
- *TenTen is the preferred resource directed by the Bishop.*

What is RSHE?

- Our key objective is the wellbeing and safety of every pupil.
- We believe that parents/carers are the prime educators of their children.
- Our role is to support you in the education of your child and not to replace you.
- The backgrounds of all pupils will be taken into account when planning lessons.

Ten:Ten Resources

Life to the Full

Y3

Y4

Lower Key Stage 2	Unit Prayer & Assessment Activity	Unit Prayer & Assessment Activity	Unit Prayer & Assessment Activity	Unit Prayer & Assessment Activity	Unit Prayer & Assessment Activity	Unit Prayer & Assessment Activity	Unit Prayer & Assessment Activity	Unit Prayer & Assessment Activity
	Story Sessions Get Up!	**Session 1** We Don't Have to Be the Same	**Session 1** What Am I Feeling?	**Session 1** Life Cycles	**Story Sessions** Jesus, My Friend	**Session 1** Friends, Family and Others...	**Session 1** Sharing Online	**Session 1** Safe in My Body
	Session 2 The Sacraments	**Session 2** Respecting Our Bodies	**Session 2** What Am I Looking at?	**Session 2** A Time for Everything		**Session 2** When Things Feel Bad	**Session 2** Chatting Online	**Session 2** Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco
		Session 3 What is Puberty?	**Session 3** I am Thankful					**Session 3** First Aid Heroes
		Session 4 Changing Bodies						

Homework

- Homework set on a Friday and expected to be completed by the following Friday. No logins have changed.
- Any issues with logging in, let the class teacher know ASAP.
- Times table Rockstars- 21 minutes a week (more on this shortly)
- Regular reading at home- completing quizzes when they finish books. Click on the correct school specific link on the newsletter.
- Maths.co.uk is our new Maths homework platform. Logins are the same as last year.

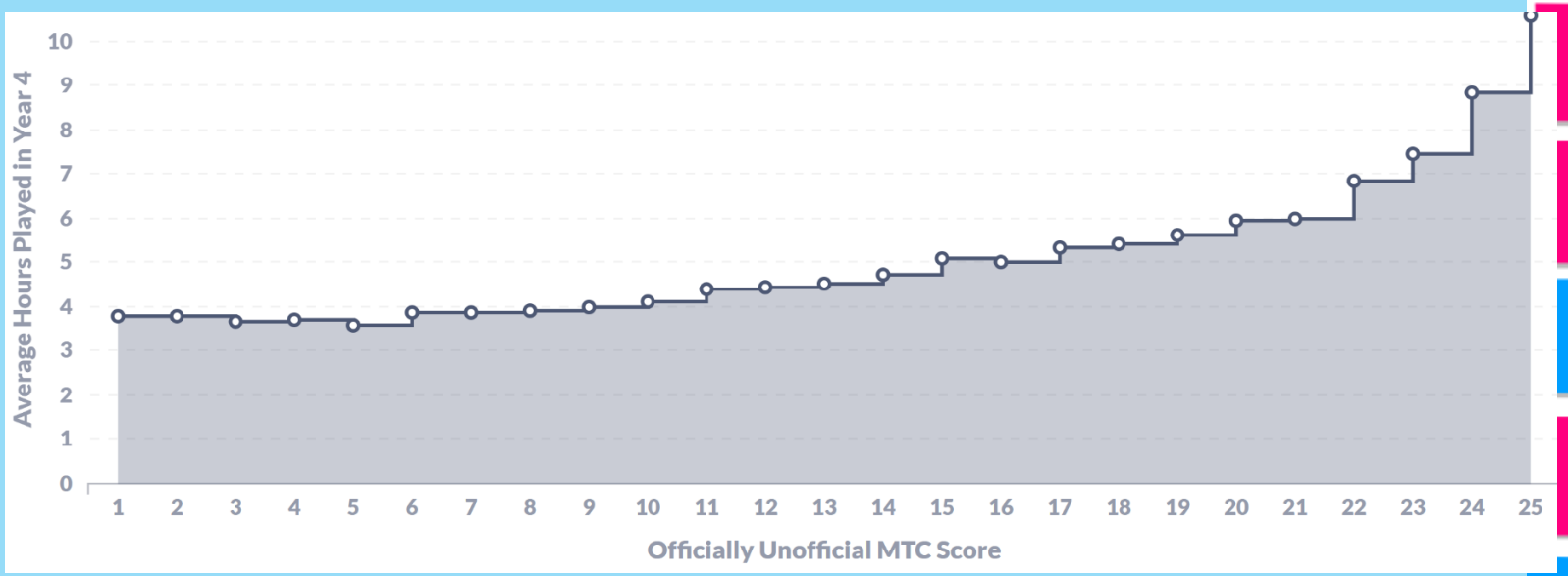
Times table check.

- In June, children will have a national test to ensure children have fluency with the times tables.
- Soundcheck on TTRS emulates the conditions of the test.
- We send home times table tests each week so you can monitor your child's progress.
- Learning times tables is essential in mathematics progress as it is the fundamental skills required throughout the curriculum in upper Key Stage 2.

"60% of the GCSE maths curriculum is underpinned by knowledge of times table facts."

Times Table Rockstars

- The MTC prep schedule will be attached to the newsletter each week.



MTC PREP SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER	GARAGE (mins per week) 21	21 minutes a week is the magic number for achieving top MTC scores.		
OCTOBER	GARAGE (mins per week) 21	AUTUMN OUMTC*		
NOVEMBER & DECEMBER	GARAGE (mins per week) 21			
JANUARY & FEBRUARY	SOUNDCHECK (games per week) 3	GARAGE (mins per week) 18	SPRING OUMTC*	
MARCH	SOUNDCHECK (games per week) 5	GARAGE (mins per week) 16		
APRIL	SOUNDCHECK (games per week) 3	STUDIO (games per week) 3	GARAGE (mins per week) 15	
MAY	SOUNDCHECK (games per week) 6	STUDIO (games per week) 15	SUMMER OUMTC*	
JUNE	SOUNDCHECK (games per week) 21			

*The OUMTC is our own mini MTC and it is in semi test conditions. It will give you a good idea of how your students will perform on the real thing. Take part in three OUMTCs throughout the year to give you a baseline, benchmark and time to respond to the results

TTRS

GAME MODE GUIDE



		GAME FORMAT	QUESTION TYPE	COINS	HEATMAP
SINGLE	JAMMING	10, 20 or 30 questions	Select the tables and operations you want	8 coins for × ÷ mix 4 coins for × OR ÷	✗
	GARAGE	1, 2, or 3 minute games	× and ÷ questions chosen just for you	10 coins per correct answer	✓
	GIG	Up to 100 questions in 5 mins	× questions only up to 12×12	10 coins per correct answer	✓
	STUDIO	1 minute games	× and ÷ questions up to 12×12	1 coin per correct answer	✓
	SOUNDCHECK	25 questions, 6 seconds each	× questions only up to 12×12	5 coins per correct answer	✓
MULTI	FESTIVAL	1 minute games	× and ÷ questions up to 12×12	1 coin per correct answer	✓
	ARENA	1 minute games	× and ÷ questions chosen just for you	1 coin per correct answer	✓
	ROCK SLAM	1 minute games	× and ÷ questions up to 12×12	1 coin per correct answer	✓

Case study 2024-25

Name	Average time played	Days played	MTC Final score
Child A	1m 48s	64	15
Child B	9m 34s	177	25
Child C	4m 52s	143	25
Child D	0m 39s	50	14

Case study 2025-26

Name	Average time played	Days played	MTC Final score
Child A	3m 39	152	25
Child B	0m 28	40	14
Child C	1m 34	47	14
Child D	3m 48	148	25

Residential

- There will be an overnight residential in the summer term – 22nd-23rd April 2027 @Henley Fort. More information to follow.

- Children (and staff) always reflect on this residential as being one of the highlights of the year.

- Practice making beds in preparation for this.

Communication.

- Please check the weekly newsletter for information and dates that are coming up.
- If you require a meeting with your child's teacher, email the office and the teacher will get back to you within 2 working days.
- If there's any changes to who's authorised to collect your child, please contact the office- also if your child is going on a playdate, please email who is collecting your child that day.
- We need to ensure safeguarding of children during dismissal, we can talk after children are dismissed, but not whilst dismissing.

Thanks for coming.

Any questions?