“A new school year means new beginnings, new adventures, new friendships, and new challenges. The slate is clean and anything can happen” - Denise Witmer

Welcome Back!



Year 4- Issue 1

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**Welcome to Year 4!**

Let us introduce you to the Year 4 team!

Windmill Teachers

**Miss Galinsky** - Head of Year Four and teaching 4G

**Miss Stapleton** - 4S

Low Road Teachers

**Mr Thomason** - 4T

We have some fantastic support staff in Year 4 this year!

**Mrs Barker and Mrs Eaton** are supporting **4G**, **Miss Shepherd** is supporting 4S, and **Mr Welch** is supporting 4T.

We are all looking forward to the new year ahead!

The Year 4 team would like to warmly welcome everyone back to Low Road and Windmill Music Federation. Our start and finish times are 8:25am and 3:15pm. If you have any questions or would like to speak to a Class Teacher, please could you contact the school office by email, phone or in person to arrange a convenient time, as you will appreciate the start and end of the day are extremely busy times!

**English Curriculum**

The Year 4 team are excited to begin our learning by focusing on writing both fiction and non-fiction texts. We will be starting with character descriptions based on the Disney film, the Incredibles! From here, we will be creating our own superheroes...or super-villains! For our non-fiction text, we will be linking this to our Topic unit and writing a non-chronological report about the USA. In year 4, we will be building on the skills we learned in year 3.

# Maths Curriculum

This term in we will commence our Autumn studies by focusing on place value and using numbers up to 1000! Following on from this, we will be looking at addition and subtraction. We worked hard on these two units in year 3 and will be building on our fantastic Mathematical skills in year 4! Finally, we will be looking at area of shapes and continuing to learn more about multiplication and division. All pupils have log-ins for Times Table Rockstars to practice our times table skills and we will be using this regularly in school. This is a great way to practice at home too!

# Geography

Are you ready to go on a great American road trip? This term we will be taking a trip around America! In this Geography unit, we will be focusing on the states of America and the locations along Route 66. We will be building on our atlas skills and using Google Earth to find the locations. We will also be learning how to research effectively using the internet and non-fiction books.

# Science

We start Year 4 with a very exciting Science unit...Electricity! In this unit we will be learning about the differences between battery powered and mains powered devices, creating our own circuits and, most importantly, learning about how to be safe around electricity.

# The Wider Curriculum

Year Four pupils are expected to complete their weekly homework on Google Classroom. Usernames and Passwords have previously been shared, but please contact the office/class teacher for reminders.



**Art** - we build upon our sketching skills learnt in year three to improve on and develop our shading and sketching. We will be using pencils, charcoal and wax resist techniques to create our sketchbooks.

**RE** - our big question for the term is “How are important events remembered in ceremonies?” We will be looking at lots of different religions and how they celebrate different festivals of light.

**PSHE** - We will start our year by learning about identity, society and equality with a focus on democracy.

**Computing** - Mr Bisiker will deliver Media and Technology to all pupils. Pupils will be using computers to design, create and manipulate digital content. Final edits of work will be shared via google classroom.

**PE** - In our teacher led sessions, we will be focusing on the fundamentals of movement. Our sessions with Mr Harling will be Athletics focused.

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