

# Year 4 Overview Meeting 2022-2023 – notes for parents/carers

Below are some of the key points covered in the Year 4 Over Meeting:

## Staff

- **Orion Class:** Mrs Downes (Class Teacher)
- **Pegasus Class:** Mrs Tobitt (Class Teacher)  
Mrs Newark (Teaching Assistant across both classes)

## Timetable

Tuesday – Orion and Pegasus PE Outdoor  
Homework due in

Wednesday -Orion and Pegasus PE Indoor  
Homework Set (on Google Classroom)

Thursday – Library

## Reading

- Please ensure that your child reads for 15 minutes at home every day and writes this in their home/school book. It is important that children read aloud to an adult some of the time and discuss what they have been reading.
- Please sign the home/school book every weekend to indicate that the reading has been done every day.
- Home/school books will be checked and signed by the teacher on a Wednesday.
- Please remind children to bring any notes written in the home/school book to the teacher's attention or use the class email.

## Spelling

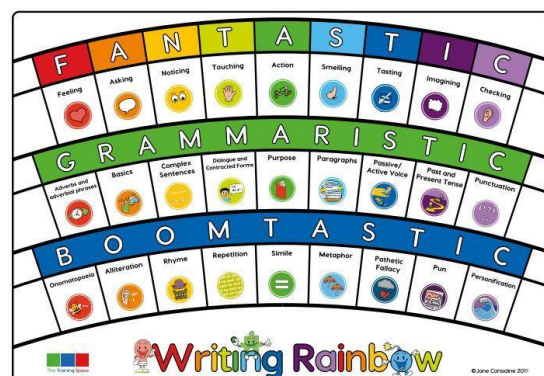
- Spelling patterns will be taught and revised during the week and may sometimes be part of the English Homework.
- Children also need to be able to spell all of the words on the Y1/2 spelling list and we will work on the spellings on the Y3/4 list.

## Writing

- The children are expected to write in joined, legible handwriting in pencil. Throughout the year we will be building on their previous work and covering the Year 4 curriculum.
- We will continue to use the lenses on the Writing Rainbow to support the children's writing.

St Dunstan's Handwriting

a b c d e  
f g h i j k  
l m n o p  
q r s t u  
v w x y z  
A B C D E F G  
H I J K L M N  
O P Q R S T U  
V W X Y Z



- Times tables**
- All children should be able to recall multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12 by the end of year 4. Keep practising these with your child.
  - Times Table Rock Stars is available for your child to use. They should use their existing login details from last year. (New pupils to the year group will receive a new login.)

- Multiplication Check (Summer 2023)**
- This is a statutory on-screen check consisting of 25 times tables questions. Your child will answer 3 practice questions before moving onto the official check and they will then have 6 seconds to answer each question.
  - It consists of pupils recalling their times table knowledge up to 12 x and it is tested using an online platform. More details to follow in the Summer Term.
  - We would like to remind parents that being able to recall times tables facts up to the 12 x tables is a Year 4 National Curriculum objective, independent of any test, so please support your child in achieving this.

- Maths lessons**
- The maths National Curriculum is delivered through the use of the White Rose Scheme.
  - Maths tasks are split into three sections – fluency, reasoning and problem solving.
  - Fluency tasks contain basic methods of calculation.
  - Reasoning tasks are given to enable the children to explain their calculations and methods that they have used.
  - Problem Solving tasks are given to enable the children to apply their learning.
  - Mastery tasks are also used to give the children the opportunity to develop an understanding of a concept in greater depth.
  - The maths topics covered are:  
Autumn Term - place value, addition and subtraction, measurement, multiplication and division A.  
Spring Term - Multiplication and division B, Length and perimeter, fractions, Decimals A.  
Summer Term - Decimals B, Money, Time, Shape, Statistics, Position and Direction.

- Homework**
- English and maths homework will be **set on Google Classroom** every **Thursday** and must be 'Turned in' in by the end of the following **Tuesday**. Children should spend around 20 minutes on each activity.
  - Please ensure that your child presses the 'Turn In' button on the Google Classroom assignment when they have finished it.
  - Topic homework suggestions will be given out each half term on the Google Classroom. Children are expected to complete and hand in **three** topic homework activities by the end of the half term (before the half-term break). If pupils would like to complete a topic-related activity that is not on the suggested list, they are very welcome to do so and this will count as one of their pieces of topic homework.

## Resources to support learning

- Pupils have access to the London Grid for Learning (LGfL) [www.lgfl.net](http://www.lgfl.net), which has links to many useful resources. Their log in will be in their home/school book. Resources we would recommend are:  
Maths at Home (videos to explain maths concepts)  
Grammar Explained  
Busy Things  
BBC Bitesize  
Hit the Button  
Oaks Academy  
White Rose Maths

## Topics

- We will have a different topic focus each half term, around which most of the children's learning will be based:

Autumn 1	I am Warrior!
Autumn 2	Misty Mountain, Winding River
Spring 1	Burps, Bottoms and Bile
Spring 2	Traders and Raiders
Summer 1	Road Trip USA
Summer 2	Blue Abyss

## Trips/events

- Tuesday 19th January 2023 - Science Museum Visit.
- Date TBC (Spring term) - Easter Experience at Trinity Church.
- Date TBC (Summer 2) - London Aquarium Visit
- Multiplication Timetable Check – Summer Term 2023 (TBC)

## Behaviour

- We will continue to use the Behaviour and Learning Ladders along with the Christian Values Tree to promote and celebrate positive learning attitudes and behaviours.
- If your child's behaviour is causing us any concern, we will contact you.

## General

- If your child's end-of-day arrangements change, please inform the class teacher in advance.
- Please ensure that full PE kits are in school every day.
- Children need to remove any jewellery and watches/fitbits etc before PE lessons. If, for any reason, they are unable to remove earrings, they must bring their own tape to cover them with.

## Communication

- You are able to contact your child's class teacher via the class email address:  
Orion Class: [orion@stdunstans.sutton.sch.uk](mailto:orion@stdunstans.sutton.sch.uk)  
Pegasus Class: [pegasus@stdunstans.sutton.sch.uk](mailto:pegasus@stdunstans.sutton.sch.uk)  
If your message is **urgent**, please phone the school office.
- If your child brings a note in their home/school book, please remind them to bring it to their teacher's attention.

**Many thanks in advance for your support.**

**By working together, we hope that your child will have a happy and successful journey through Year 4.**