

# Welcome to Year 4



# Meet the Year 4 Team



Mr Williams



Mrs Trayhorne



Mrs Hillier

# Meet the Year 4 Team



Mrs  
Partridge



Mrs Nice



Miss Briggs

# Learning Behaviours



Teamwork



Perseverance



Independence



Creativity



Curiosity



Reflection

Star of the week

# Values

(The things we truly believe in for **everyone** involved with Highwood)

- Celebrating Diversity
- Continual Improvement
- Pride
- Happiness
- Trust
- Respect



Best Seat in the House

## Year 4:

- 8:35 door opens and morning task (spellings)
- 8:45 am School starts
- 9:00 am Whole class reading
- 9:30 am English
- 10:30 am Break
- 10:45 am Mental maths or MFL
- 11:15 am Maths
- 12:20 pm Lunch
- 1:20 pm Registration and reading
- 1:30 pm Big Question – Topic work
- 3:00 pm Individual or class reading
- 3:15 pm End of day

# Lunch time

- Three choices everyday – meat, vegetarian or jacket potato.
- Includes a dessert (cake/biscuit, fruit or yoghurt).
- All of children will order what they are having for lunch in the morning.
- Lunches are now all eaten together in the Main hall.

# PE

- PE kit in school on a Monday – take home on a Friday
- Monday – indoor PE
- Wednesday – outdoor PE
- No earrings on PE days please
- Follow [@HighwoodPrimPE](#)

# Topics for the Year



Autumn

What is more precious: water or gold?



Spring

How have our castles made Britain great?



Summer

What did the Romans do for me?

# Autumn Term Knowledge Organiser

## What is more precious, water or gold?

### History



Canopic Jar



Hieroglyphs



Gods and Goddesses



Afterlife



Pharaohs

### Science



#### Classification

The organisation of animals into different categories based on observed similarities and species.



### Geography

#### The River Nile

The longest river in the world at 6,695km.

The river flows from Lake Victoria to the Mediterranean sea.



#### Floodplain

An area of low lying land by the side of a river that is subject to regular flooding

### Key Vocabulary

**Water Cycle (Geography)** — The cyclical journey water takes through the worlds seas and oceans, the atmosphere and land.

**Pharaohs (History)** — The Kings and Queens of ancient Egypt, believed to be half gods.

**Sarcophagus (History)** — Stone coffins used to house the remains of important Ancient Egyptian Pharaohs.

**Hieroglyphics (History)** — The script used by Ancient Egyptians for writing. They have been found written on Papyrus and carved into stone.

**Pyramids (History)** — Tombs constructed from stone that were used to house the mummified remains of Ancient Egyptian Pharaohs.

**Mummification (History)** — The process of embalming bodies of important people and animals.








**Vertebrates and invertebrates (Science)** — animals that have a backbone inside their body (vertebrates) and those that do not (invertebrates).

**Ecology (Science)** — The study of how organisms interact with each other and their environment.

# How can you help at home?

- Reading
  - Listen to your child read every day (they should be reading for about 20mins each day)
  - Read lots of stories to your child – fiction and non-fiction
- Times tables
  - Practice every day
  - Times tables test in the Summer term for Year 4 (all times tables up to 12 x 12)
- Homework – Microsoft Teams
  - Complete 1 piece of work every two weeks
  - Deadline – Wednesday – Exact deadline on homework grid and Teams.
  - Submit on Teams
  - Paper copy of homework grid will be given out

# Example Termly Homework Grid

	Week 1 and 2	Week 3 and 4	Week 5 and 6	Week 7 and 8	Week 9 and 10	Week 11 and 12
Deadline	<b>Wed 28.09.22</b>	<b>Wed 12.10.22</b>	<b>Wed 02.11.22</b>	<b>Wed 16.11.22</b>	<b>Wed 30.11.22</b>	<b>Wed 14.12.22</b>
 Teamwork	Go to your local library with a parent or guardian and read a book together that you both enjoy.	Create a smoothie for someone in your family, blindfold them and ask them to say what it is.	Free Choice: Complete any activity you want using this learning behaviour.	Work with someone else in the class to make a presentation about a body of water, e.g. an ocean or lake.	Write a rap with a friend about rivers. If you are adventurous you could use a...	Work with your family to create a healthy, balanced meal. 
 Perseverance	Write a story about a character who has to overcome a challenge. Use your own sentences.	Write a story about a character who has to overcome a challenge. Use your own sentences.	Write a story about a character who has to overcome a challenge. Use your own sentences.	Write a story about a character who has to overcome a challenge. Use your own sentences.	Write a story about a character who has to overcome a challenge. Use your own sentences.	Think of the trickiest thing you had to do this term. Explain how you used perseverance to help you succeed. 
 Independence	Investigate the Key Vocabulary on the Year 4 Knowledge Organiser. Can you find out what each word means and use it in a sentence?	One of the Highwood values is happiness. Without being asked, help other members your family or do something nice for them. Write about how you made other people happy with your actions.	Investigate a river that you have not studied yet – can you create a fact file all about it? 	Could you recommend me a good book? Write a book review about a book you have read and loved recently. Remember to include some details, but don't give away the plot.	Choose a topic of your choice and do some research on it. Present what you have found out in a report or poster.	How is gold as an element created? Investigate this question and create a poster showing and explaining it. 

This is potentially changing so do not worry that your child has not got homework yet. We will send it out with amended dates when it has been finalised.

# Keeping in touch with progress

- Welcome any time
- Parents' Evening (Weds 23rd October – late and Thurs 24th Oct - afternoon)
- SPLAT afternoons
- Mid-year reports
- End of Year learning review

# Communication

- Arrange a meeting
- Share anything with me or other adults you feel is important
- Twitter [@HighwoodPrim4P](#) [@HighwoodPrim4W](#)
- School Website
- Email – [year4@highwood.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:year4@highwood.wokingham.sch.uk)  
(This is not looked at everyday, if something is important please speak to me on the door or ring the office)
- It is important we always have your up-to-date contact information.

