

*Welcome to
Muxton
Primary
School*

Year 4
2024/2025



Year 4 Teaching Staff

Class Teachers:

Miss Leech

Mrs Moreton & Miss Davies

(Miss Davies is teaching Monday & Mrs Moreton is teaching Tuesday to Friday)

The children will meet various other staff through their year.

Aims For Your Children

- ✓ For children to grow lively and enquiring minds they should find learning worthwhile and challenging.
- ✓ For children to enjoy their learning and see themselves developing new knowledge and skills
- ✓ For children to be proud of the school and community that they are part of





School Uniform

At Muxton we believe that uniform is important and every child is expected to wear the correct uniform every day.

Our uniform is important as it:

- ✓ Contributes to a sense of belonging and community
- ✓ Fosters a feeling of pride
- ✓ Gives a common purpose
- ✓ Looks smart
- ✓ Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance

All uniform items need to be labelled so that we can get them back to you if they are lost!

Your child is responsible for their own coat/jumper

Key things to remember:

- No jewellery other than one pair of plain, stud earrings
- No make-up or nail varnish
- Long hair must be tied up, hair accessories must be plain and in school colours

School Uniform

Year 4

- White T-shirt
- Muxton jade green cardigan or sweatshirt with school logo
- Grey or black trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress (In Summer Term green check dress)
- Plain grey tights or plain grey, black or white socks
- Black shoes - no trainers or high-heels
- Book bags are available.



PE Days

Please bring your kit to school on PE days

PE Kit:

- White T-shirt
- Black shorts
- Plain black tracksuit or jogging bottoms
- Plain black hoodie
- Trainers



All children are expected to take part in PE as it is part of the National Curriculum. We teach all children a range of skills to support them to lead healthy lives.

Attendance

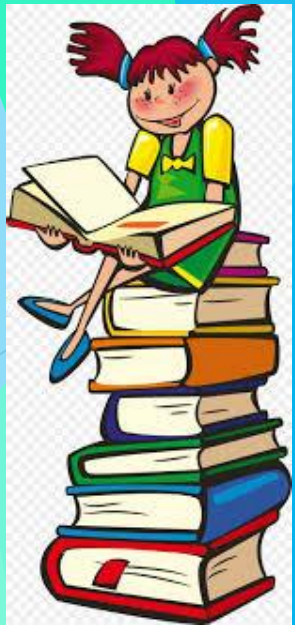
- ▶ Research has proven that there is a high correlation between school attendance and academic performance and success.
- ▶ Being frequently late for school adds to up learning that is lost!
 - Arriving 5 minutes late every day = 3 days lost a year
 - Arriving 15 minutes late every day = 2 weeks lost a year
 - Arriving 30 minutes late every day = 19 days lost a year

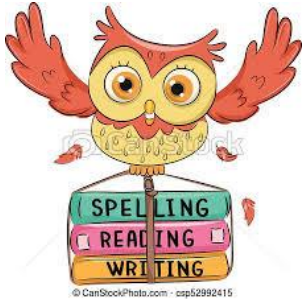
Reading

- Children will read a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction books throughout the year.
- Every child needs to read a minimum of 4 times per week and record their reading in their Reading Diary.
- In class we will read a book during Guided Reading
- Children will also be read to by the teacher
- Children are responsible for changing their own reading book. This will not be done for them

Please make sure children remember their reading book and reading diary each day.

Reading diaries are checked weekly. It is your child's responsibility to hand in their reading record each week on the correct day.

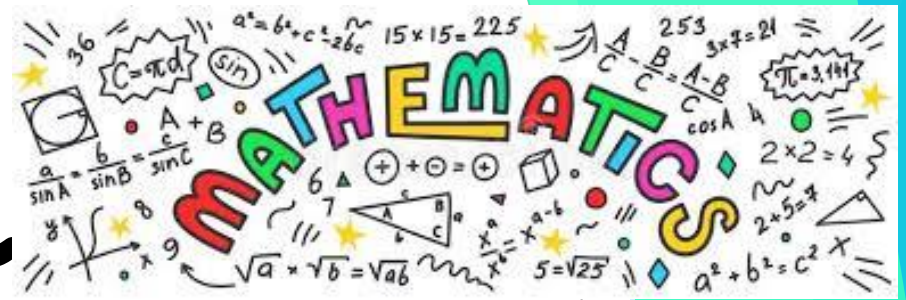




Writing

- ▶ *The children will be expected to write neatly, legibly and to cross out any mistakes with a pencil and ruler*
- ▶ *Children will be expected to write frequently, building their stamina as the year progresses.*
- ▶ *Throughout the year, they will write in a variety of genres, including a range of fiction and non-fiction.*
- ▶ *There will be a strong emphasis on vocabulary throughout the year. Children will be encouraged to use these words in their writing.*
- ▶ *Children will continue to build upon their knowledge of grammar throughout the year.*

Mathematics



- ▶ There will be an emphasis on retrieval practice every day.
- ▶ Children will revisit previously learnt concepts, as well as new learning content.
- ▶ We will be using a variety of resources which are available to the children in class
- ▶ We will encourage the children to access the resources to help them independently
- ▶ With the multiplication check in June, it is imperative that pupils practice their times tables weekly with a focus on $\times 6$, $\times 7$, $\times 8$, $\times 9$, $\times 11$, $\times 12$

Spelling



- ▶ The children will need to learn the year 3/4 spelling list. This is a list of 108 words. Throughout the year these will be covered by the weekly spelling test however your child needs to be as confident as possible with these words. The earlier they learn them, the better!
- ▶ We set the children weekly spellings. These will often have a spelling rule, prefix or suffix focus.
- ▶ The weekly spellings will be posted on the school website every Monday. We do not send home paper copies. Part of your child becoming familiar with the words is them writing them out.
- ▶ Those that struggle to access the weekly spellings will be given alternative spellings which again, will be posted on the school website every Monday

Our Wider Curriculum

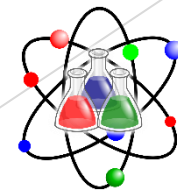


At Muxton, we are committed to broad, balanced and knowledge rich curriculum which will inspire and enthuse our children. We organise our school curriculum by mapping objectives through each stage of learning. In this way we ensure that 'knowledge builds on knowledge', helping children to know more and remember more.

Objectives are categorised using subject specific headings in order to outline the substantive and disciplinary knowledge that children need to know. We are of the firm belief that by identifying the key knowledge that children require, we prepare them for a progressive, ambitious curriculum and successful transition through to Secondary School.

Each area will be supported by the use of knowledge organisers.

Regular mini quizzes will be built into lessons to challenge children to recall their learning.



Homework

- ▶ Spelling: Lists will be put on the school website every Monday. These will be tested on the following Friday
- ▶ Children are expected to read at home four times a week and record this in their reading diaries (these will be checked weekly).
- ▶ Children need to practise the times tables each week. Ideally this will be on Times Tables Rockstars.
- ▶ Homework is set on a Friday and needs to be handed in by Wednesday the following week. (Homework is also published on the website)

How Parents Can Help

- Ensure that your child is in school on time ready to start their day
- Encourage your child and listen to them about their school day
- Ensure they are in their correct uniform and it is labelled clearly with their name
- Provide a time and space for your child to do any homework that they might have
- Help them with learning their Spellings & Times Tables
- Ensure they are reading regularly and listen to them read. Discuss their reading with them
- Speak to the school about any issues or concerns in the first instance – we will be able to help.

Equipment Needed



- Please ensure that your child comes in with a named water bottle.
- If they are having a packed lunch please ensure their lunch box is clearly named.
- If your child would like a folder for their reading book and reading record, this will need to be provided by parents. We will not provide this for the children.
- Do not bring in anything else



Information about online safety

- ▶ The internet is amazing. Children can play, learn, create and connect - opening up a whole world of exciting possibilities. But with the digital world changing all the time, how can you make sure your child is staying safe?
- ▶ Set up parental controls on your Wi-fi connection, phone, tablet and on any gaming devices that they use.
- ▶ Talk to your child about staying safe online:
- ▶ Agree rules with your child about not meeting up with people they have met online.
- ▶ Let them know which websites they are allowed/not allowed to visit.
- ▶ Try to limit screen time and allow them online only for a sensible duration - don't let them play for hours or close to bedtime/before school
- ▶ Discuss how they treat others online.
- ▶ Make sure they are on child versions of sites like YouTube.
- ▶ If your child plays video games, ensure they are appropriate for their age
- ▶ Some useful websites are:
 - ❑ <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>
 - ❑ <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>



What To Do If I Need to Speak To My Child's Teacher?

- ▶ At present the routine for speaking to your child's class teacher will involve:

E-mailing the Year 4 Team- so that someone can get back to you

year4@muxtonprimary.org.uk

- ▶ At the start of the day it is often difficult to communicate with the teacher. We therefore ask you to communicate by email where possible and then we can then arrange to see you as soon as possible.