

Yorke Mead Primary School



Year 4
Summer Term

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Welcome back, we can't quite believe we are in the summer term already. Year 4 have worked so hard throughout the year and we know this will continue this term. This term we are looking forward to performing our play 'Olivia' to you!

Reminders:

Bottle of Water and a Cap



Snack

We encourage the children to drink plenty of water during the school day. Children are expected to bring a named bottle of water, no juice, to school and will have the opportunity to refill these regularly. Please do not send children with frozen water, as the condensation makes tables and book bags wet. Now the weather is getting warmer and sunnier, please make sure your child is wearing a hat to school each day.

Children can bring a fruit or vegetable snack to eat during the morning break. Unlike KS1, there is no set break time in the afternoon. No chocolate, crisps or cereal bars please.



Uniform

Please make sure all items of uniform are clearly marked with your child's name. Plain stud earrings only, no other jewellery or nail varnish should be worn in school. Long hair must be tied back with a plain hair band.



Twitter

Twitter is proving successful at Yorke Mead and it has become a great way for us to keep you updated about what is happening. Remember to follow us to find out what we are up to! Start following now and you won't miss out on anything. @4YorkeMead

Y4 Email

The class teachers will be monitoring the Y4 email should you wish to contact them. This is year.4@yorkemead.herts.sch.uk

Multiplication

Learning times tables are a big part of Year 4 learning and in June we will complete the government set MTC (multiplication check). We will be doing lots of practise in school for this check but we must encourage children to practise their times tables daily on TT Rock Stars at home too.

Things to bring to school

Reading Book

The children should all bring their reading book home each night and return it to school each day as we read daily. Children are expected to read every day at home. Some children are likely to be competent readers who wish to read alone. However, even the most competent readers still need to be read to and discuss books with an adult. If your child is a competent reader you may wish to alternate so they read to themselves one night and to an adult the next. Children are rewarded for having read to an adult (and reading diary signed) at least three times a week. They will receive a sticker for their bookmark weekly, if this is achieved, in order to work towards a reading badge.



Home Learning

If your child is reluctant to do their home learning at home there is a home learning club that runs after school. Children can complete their home learning supported by one of the school staff and good habits are encouraged. The club is free of charge, simply book in at the office if you would like your child to use this facility.



Home learning will be given out on Friday and should be handed in on a Wednesday for marking. Each week there will be spelling and multiplication practise, reading and 2 pieces. Each piece of homework should not take your child any longer than 30 minutes. Please support your child by providing a quiet place for them to work and ensuring they have a pencil at home to use.

Please help your child to learn their spellings and times tables – 5 minutes each night will be far more successful than 15 minutes the night before the test.

PE

This term we will be learning Tennis, Athletics and Swimming. Please ensure that your child has appropriate kit – black shorts, red T-shirt (no logos/names other than the Yorke Mead School logo), black tracksuit trousers, a red sweater (no hoods) and trainers. **Our PE days this term are Monday and Tuesday. Our Tuesday PE session will be swimming at Rickmansworth School (see separate letter).** If there is any reason why your child cannot do P.E. please ensure that you have sent in a note explaining why. Your child must come to school wearing their PE kit on the correct PE day.



The Curriculum

In Key Stage Two we follow a creative curriculum approach to learning. Your child will usually have a maths and literacy session each day and where possible these will be linked to the main theme the children are learning about. Most other subjects will be taught through the topic theme, though there may be sometimes when topics are taught separately such as Science, Computing or RE. The following table shows the themes/topics your child will explore in Year 4 throughout the year. We will begin with our work on Habitats.

<i>Term</i>	<i>Theme</i>	<i>Main Focus</i>
Autumn 1	Habitats	Learning about the life processes in animals and plants. Looking at living things in their environment including their adaption and food chains.
Autumn 2	The Victorians	Learning about the changing role of the monarchy during Victorian times. Please note there will be a Victorian theme day this term which will involve dressing up.
Spring 1	Sound and Ancient Egypt	Considering how sound is made and whether it travels through materials. Investigating different sounds and how to make them. Discovering the ancient world of Egypt and how life differed to ours now.
Spring 2	Cities of Europe	Focusing on countries within Europe, their capital cities and other geographical features of Europe.
Summer 1	Anglo Saxons	Children will learn about the invasion of the Anglo Saxons in the UK, their lifestyle and culture and what we can learn from them now.
Summer 2	Rivers and Water	Learning about uses of water and comparing to other countries. Investigating features of rivers and learning how they change. We will be arranging a trip to the River Chess this term.

