



*“Learning for Life” to
“Paint Your Own Rainbow”*

Welcome to Year 4



Meet the Team

- Class Teacher Blue 1 - TBC
- Class Teacher Blue 2 - Mrs Natalie Chapman
- Teaching Assistants: Miss Hardy and TBC



Curriculum Overview



- Core subjects continue to be covered throughout each week - English, maths and science.
- PE will continue to take place twice weekly.
- All other subjects will be covered in topics across the year, to allow for key skills and knowledge to be revisited.
- Parent Events to celebrate learning will take place across the year



Year 4 Curriculum

Autumn Term

- **Maths** - Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Measurement and Multiplication and division
- **English** - Ancient Egypt
- **Science** - States of Matter and Animals including Humans
- **History** - Ancient Egypt
- **Geography** - The River Nile
- **PE** - Basketball and Personal Skills (balance and footwork)
- **Computing** - Coding and Online Safety
- **PSHE** - Team and Digital Wellbeing
- **Art** - Self Portrait Week
- **Design and Technology** - Food Technology
- **French** - Instruments
- **Music** - Changes in pitch, tempo and dynamics
- **RE** - Sikh Rites of Passage and Christmas Journeys

Key Dates

(highlighted in yellow if additional cost)

Date	Time/Place	Event
Thursday 2 nd October 2025	In school (Blue 2) 3:30 pm	Parent information event Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)
Tuesday 3 rd February 2026	3:30pm & 5pm in Blue 2	Y4 parent Castleton residential meeting
Wednesday 18 th -Friday 20 th March 2026	Castleton	Residential trip to YHA Losehill Hall, Castleton
Wednesday 25 th March 2026	In school (Hall) 8:15am	Parent event. Join us for breakfast and a slideshow of the Castleton photos.
July - TBC	Hall Park Academy	Secondary school experience day

Details on: **Pantomime trip** (December), Easter production (April) and additional whole school events, to follow.

Timetable



Start of the day: doors open from 8:45, register at 8:50, doors close at 8:55

End of the Day: 3:15pm

Weekly Timetable - Year 4 – Autumn 1

	8.45	9.15	10:25	10.40	10:55	12.00	1:00	1:05	1:25	2:10	3:00	3:15	
Monday	Maths		Assembly	Break	English	Lunch	Register & Mindfulness	Spelling	Science (DT for Autumn 2)			Whole Class Story	Home
Tuesday	Assembly	Maths		Break	English			Spelling Reading	PE	Computing (French Autumn 2)			
Wednesday	PE/Maths PPA		Assembly	Break	PE/Maths PPA			Spelling	English	PSHE			
Thursday	Maths		Class Assembly	Break	English			Spelling Reading	History				
Friday	Rainbow Rewards	English		Break	Maths			Spelling test	History	RE			



Rainbow Rewards

Children will be nominated to receive a Rainbow Reward assembly certificate.

Rainbow Rewards Certificates will be presented by Mrs Bates each week.

Your child will bring home their certificate and it will also be displayed in school.

Parents will be invited to the Rainbow Reward assembly which takes place **Friday 9:00am**



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R - respect and acceptance
A - active body and active mind
I - inclusive yet individual
N - nurture, develop and grow
B - believe in yourself
O - overcome your obstacles
W - wonder and curiosity

Homework

- A homework menu will be sent home in the first week of each half term, in the school diary. The menu will also be posted on the class website and on Weduc.
- Children are encouraged to develop an interest in the class topics and choose learning to complete.
- Homework should be handed in as it is completed, so it can then be shared in class.
- The final deadline for home activities is the Friday before the end of each half term.
- Weekly expectations for key skill practise is also detailed on homework menu.
- Weekly reading, spelling and maths skills practise can be recorded however works best for the activity and you as a family. E.g. home school diary, Weduc, paper hand in.
- Children will be tested on the previous week's spellings each Friday. The spelling test will be recorded in the home school diary. The spellings will be shared in the weekly Weduc post and on the classroom window.



Year 4 Rainbow Homework Menu

Autumn 1

Complete at least 1 activity from each colour over the half term, plus all the weekly homework activities. Record learning in the home-school diary, share via Weduc or hand in as a paper copy as completed. Final date for handing in homework for this half term: Friday 13th October.

Writing: Create a non-chronological report (fact file) about anyone from world or local history.

History: Research and present your findings on any aspect of Ancient Egyptian life.

Science: Create a poster, fact file or presentation about the water cycle. Key vocabulary to include: evaporation, condensation, precipitation and collection.

Writing: Write a book recommendation for a book from class, or the school library (template available).

History: Create a poster about any of the different Gods that the Ancient Egyptians believed in.

Art & D&T: Create a replica of Tutankhamun's death mask.

Writing: Write a letter to anyone from history. What would you tell them? What would you like to know?

History: Create a set of instructions about mummification. Present them how you choose.

PSHE: Create an acrostic poem using one of the following words team, community or change.

Weekly Activities:

Reading: Read with an adult and record at least 3 comments per week in the home-school diary.

Spelling: Over the week, learn to spell the words shared via Weduc. Spellings will be tested each Friday.

Maths: Practise your times tables by playing for at least 21 minutes on the Garage section of Times Tables Rockstars.



Reading Books

- Each child will bring home a reading book tailored to their current reading attainment.
- In Year 4, children change their book independently.
- Children may be encouraged to reread their shorter books for greater understanding and fluency.
- All children are encouraged to enjoy a wide range of texts in school and at home, beyond the levelled reader allocated.
- Children will be read with by a school adult once per half term.





Break Time Snacks

- Children are encouraged to make healthy choices
- Tuck shop items can be ordered and paid for through ParentMail. Please ensure that you have ordered in advance.
- Children may bring their own **healthy breakfast bar or fruit/vegetable snack** to eat at morning break. These should not be crisps or contain any chocolate (and ideally be low in refined sugar too).
- Milk for morning break can be ordered directly and prepaid for via the Cool Milk link <https://customers.coolmilk.com/v2/register/>

Water Bottles

- Each child should have their **own named water bottle**
- Water bottles are to be brought into school each morning and taken home daily (for hygiene purposes)
- Water bottles should contain **water only**, no juice or fizzy drinks please.

In Year 4...



- P.E Kit - To be worn to school for the whole day. PE days to be confirmed and shared via Weduc.
- Home school diary needs to be in school daily
 - please tell your child if you have written a note for school
 - please use the home school diary to record reading comments and homework
 - the weekly spelling test will be recorded in the home school diary
- Keep an eye on our website for weekly Head Teacher blogs and half termly class updates
- WEDUC is used to send whole class and 1:1 messages during the hours of 08:00 and 18:00
- For urgent messages (needing response or action within 24hours) contact school office
- Please ensure that all personal belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name
- All stationery is provided so no pencil cases are needed



Also in Year 4...

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

- Do not worry...!!!!
- Seen as a celebration of success
- Children will have practise throughout the year
- Administered on iPad by one of us
- 6 seconds to answer each question with a 3 second pause in between
- Children do not know whether they got the answer correct or incorrect

Ways to help...

- Encourage use of Times Tables Rockstars (21 minutes per week on Garage is the goal)
- Encourage completion of homework from homework menu
- Focus on own steps to success

➤ MTC PREP SCHEDULE ✕

SEPTEMBER	GARAGE (mins per week) 21	21 minutes a week is the magic number for achieving top MTC scores.	
OCTOBER	GARAGE (mins per week) 21	AUTUMN OUMTC* 	
NOVEMBER & DECEMBER	GARAGE (mins per week) 21		
JANUARY & FEBRUARY	SOUNDCHECK (games per week) 3	GARAGE (mins per week) 18	SPRING OUMTC* 
MARCH	SOUNDCHECK (games per week) 5	GARAGE (mins per week) 16	
APRIL	SOUNDCHECK (games per week) 3	STUDIO (games per week) 3	GARAGE (mins per week) 15
MAY	SOUNDCHECK (games per week) 6	STUDIO (games per week) 15	SUMMER OUMTC* 
JUNE	SOUNDCHECK (games per week) 21		

*The OUMTC is our own mini MTC and it is in semi test conditions. It will give you a good idea of how your students will perform on the real thing. Take part in three OUMTCs throughout the year to give you a baseline, benchmark and time to respond to the results





Any Questions?

- Please do contact the class teacher directly via Weduc
- Or contact the school office on office@Greasley.notts.sch.uk or [01773 712128](tel:01773712128)