

WELCOME TO  
YEAR 4

# Staff Team

- ▶ Lions: Miss McNeill, Mrs Tasev
  - ▶ Mrs Goodyear will teach the Lions on a Thursday afternoon
  - ▶ Mrs Davies will teach Lions on alternate Tuesday afternoons
- ▶ Kingfishers: Miss Seymour, Mrs Jacklin
  - ▶ Mrs Goodyear will teach the Kingfishers on a Wednesday
  - ▶ Mrs Davies will teach Kingfishers on alternate Tuesday afternoons
- ▶ [familysupport@tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk](mailto:familysupport@tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk)

We are always available at the start and end of school days if you would like to speak with us.

# Life in Year 4

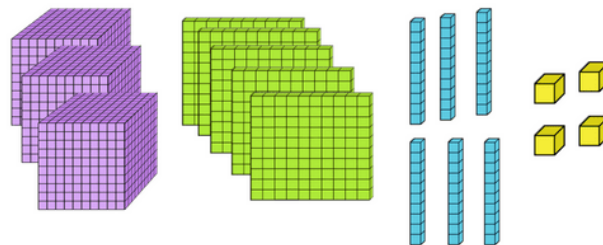
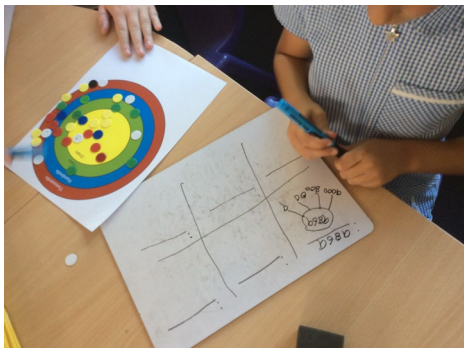
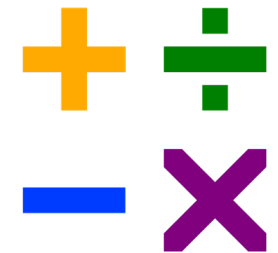
- ▶ In Year 4, children are the oldest children in the school and are expected to be positive role models and have the opportunity to take on additional responsibilities in the classroom and around the school. **This includes:**
- ▶ 'School jobs' such as assembly monitors, lunchtime helpers and sports leaders
- ▶ Being more independent in telling an adult if they feel concerned about anything
- ▶ Being buddies for younger children in the school



# Maths

- ▶ Maths learning takes the form of formal daily lessons, fluency sessions, active maths lessons and times tables sessions
- ▶ We begin the year focusing 4-digit place value
- ▶ We teach using the CPA approach – concrete, pictorial, abstract - offering support and stretch where needed
- ▶ For a comprehensive overview of what we teach and how we teach it, please have a look on our new school website under 'curriculum'

<https://www.tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk/page/?title=Maths&pid=75>

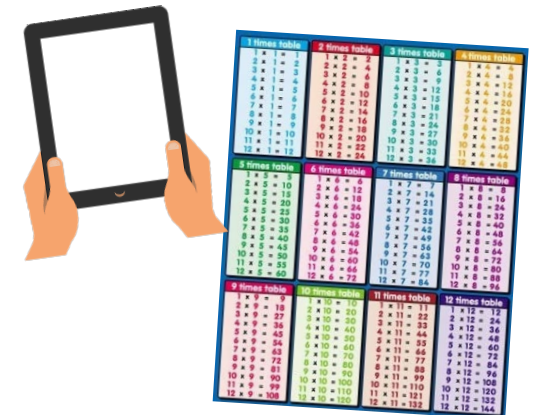


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| 4             | 2         | 5        | 1    | 1    |
| 5             | 3         | 6        | 2    | 2    |
| 6             | 4         | 7        | 3    | 3    |

| Fractions, Decimals and Percentages |         |         |         |
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|                                     | = 1     | = 1     | = 100%  |
|                                     | = 1/2   | = 0.5   | = 50%   |
|                                     | = 1/3   | = 0.33  | = 33.3% |
|                                     | = 1/4   | = 0.25  | = 25%   |
|                                     | = 1/5   | = 0.2   | = 20%   |
|                                     | = 1/6   | = 0.125 | = 12.5% |
|                                     | = 1/10  | = 0.1   | = 10%   |
|                                     | = 1/100 | = 0.01  | = 1%    |

# Multiplication Tables Check

- ▶ Year 4 children complete a statutory times table check in the Summer Term.
- ▶ This tests children's quick recall of times tables facts up to  $12 \times 12$
- ▶ The check is electronic; it asks children 25 multiplication questions (no division) and children complete it in school on an iPad, any time over a 2 week period
- ▶ We approach the check, as with all statutory assessments, in a relaxed and supportive way
- ▶ Please continue to practise at home
- ▶ Apps – Hit the button, Maths frame and Times Table Rock Stars



# Writing

- ▶ There is a heavy grammar focus to develop writing, including compound and complex sentences and fronted adverbials
- ▶ Pen licences: Children try hard to develop own personal writing targets and are awarded a pen licence for progress and effort
- ▶ Spelling: weekly lessons taught in class
- ▶ For a more comprehensive overview of the units we cover, please have a look at the curriculum page of the website
- ▶ <https://www.tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk/page/?title=English&pid=74>

I like bananas and I like grapes.

main clause      connective      main clause

After she picks me up, Mum is taking me to buy shoes.

subordinate clause      comma      main clause

*Before sunrise, he ate his breakfast.*

*All night long, she danced.*

*In June, the event will happen.*

*Under the clock, he stood and waited.*

*By the train station, we met.*



# Reading

- ▶ Reading expectations have greatly increased in Year 4. Reading is required in all areas of the curriculum
- ▶ Reading is taught through whole class reading with additional opportunities for 1:1 reading
- ▶ Reading levels change when appropriate based on fluency **and** maturity
- ▶ Children are responsible for changing their own books
- ▶ Home reading books are aimed to be 95% accuracy for fluency reasons and our teaching sessions are aimed to be more of a challenge



# Reading





# Curriculum

- ▶ Please refer to the website for overviews of all curriculum subjects, this has been updated recently to reflect the topics and progression of skills covered
- ▶ If you have a particular skill or area of expertise, do let teacher know as we always love visitors
- ▶ PE days are Wednesday and Thursday, please send children in to school in correct PE kit. We are lucky enough to have tennis coaching with Mr Fellingham on a Wednesday and will have other sports coaches throughout the year
- ▶ We take part in whole school themed weeks and local visits throughout the year
- ▶ PSHE Summer Term

# Trips and Visits

- ▶ PGL has been provisionally booked for May, 2024
- ▶ We recognise that for many children this is their first time away from home
- ▶ Children sleep in rooms of up to 6, with their own ensuite
- ▶ We take part in a wide range of different activities and always encourage children to try things but never force them to take part in anything they do not want to



# E-safety

E-safety is a very important part of everyday life for adults and children.

During our computing sessions, the children learn how to use 'SMART with a heart' and this is embedded across the whole curriculum and in daily life at school.

Questions we ask them are:

How can we keep passwords safe and why are they important? (Reading records)

How can I be a good friend online?

What do I do when something happens or appears that I don't like?

Do you know what a PEGI rating is?

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/)

[www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com)





# Life after Year 4

- ▶ Applications for Middle School places open in November. The deadline for applications is January 2024
- ▶ Applications are made online at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk)
- ▶ When you apply, you can list up to four schools, in order of preference
- ▶ If you have any concerns about the application process, please come and talk to your child's teacher