



## Welcome to Year 4

### Hazel and Sycamore 2023-2024



#### Introduction:

Welcome to Year 4. We hope your children will enjoy their time with us and are motivated by the range of work provided. If you have any further questions regarding the curriculum or class routines, please do not hesitate to contact the class teachers.

#### Year 4 Topics:

History: Romans: A history enquiry-based topic that explored the impact the Romans had on Britain.

Concepts: tolerance, failure, equality, identity, freedom, prejudice.

Geography: Earthquakes and Volcanoes

History: Ernest Shackleton's Polar expedition: A topic building on knowledge gained in year 2, looking at climate zones, Shackleton's journey to the Antarctic and the water cycle.

Concepts: Adversity, Difference, Acceptance, Survival & Exploration.

Geography: The Water Cycle

Geography: Comparative study of a region in Greece to the South East in the UK

History: Ancient Greece: Greek myths and exploring 'What were the most important achievements of the Ancient Greeks?'

Concepts: influence, beliefs, achievement, legacy, democracy.

#### English & Maths:

English and Maths will follow the Year 4 curriculum which is available to view online:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-curriculum-in-england-primary-curriculum>

Please find further information regarding the Year 4 curriculum this year on the school's website.

#### PE:

Please note our PE days are Thursday & Friday. Friday's PE will often be outside or in the case of rain in the small hall, so please ensure your child has suitable warm clothing and waterproof shoes on this day.



## Home Learning:

Please listen to your child read aloud as much as possible and sign their Home Reading Records. Books are changed as and when needed.

TTRockstars completed at least 3 times a week please- there is a huge emphasis on times tables in Year 4 ready for the children's official Multiplication Check in the Summer Term.

Spellings will be sent home every other week on a Wednesday. If you can, please take the time to talk through the meaning of the words and practise their spelling as often as you can.

## Behaviour:

As part of our school ethos to promote a positive culture, we will be using Hatchies to recognise the range of good behaviour we have at Keep Hatch, both inside the classrooms and out on the playground. We will also encourage children to consider a 'Growth Mindset' and challenge themselves wherever possible. You will hear lots about 'stretching our brains'!

## Exciting Events:

**Winchester Science Centre:** During the Spring Term, we hope to take children to the Winchester Science Centre where they will explore hands-on exhibits relating to all aspects of science and technology and enjoy a visit to the amazing Planetarium.



**Ufton Court:** One of the most exciting things about Year 4 is, of course, the visit from Ufton Court, (provisionally booked for the summer term). The children will enjoy a variety of Ancient Greek activities such as a mock Greek court, Ancient Greek games and learning about the Ancient Greek army.

## Additional Information

### Teachers

Mr Ahmed is the Hazel class teacher Monday to Friday, with Mrs Cartwright covering the class once a week. In Sycamore, Miss Jervis is the class teacher Monday to Wednesday with Mrs Morris teaching Thursday and Friday.

### Teaching Assistants

Mrs Coe and Mrs Garrard

If you have any further questions, please do ask your child's class teacher at the end of the school day or you are welcome to email the school office.