

Year 4 Information 2021-22

Introduction

Welcome to Year 4. We are enjoying getting to know your children and we are looking forward to the year ahead.

Skylarks is taught by Mrs Brown, Monday to Wednesday, and Mrs Dodson on a Thursday and Friday. Mr Barwick teaches Merlins.

Our Teaching Assistants are Mrs Thompson and Mrs Easter.

Skylarks and Merlins make up the Year 4 team.

The Classroom

We have been very impressed with the way the children have started the new year. Thank you for your support in making this work well. It is helpful if the children come to school with all their belongings in one rucksack so that their hands are free for using hand sanitizer before we enter the school buildings.

Please remember that each child needs a water bottle, a raincoat, a reading book if possible and a lunch box if they are having a home packed lunch. Please ensure your child has a **healthy snack** each day.

Picking up and dropping off

If your child is being collected by somebody different to the normal routine please remember to inform the school office.

The end of the day is the time where we would encourage you to speak to us if you have any questions or queries. You can also email the school office or to the class teachers directly skylarks@cringleford.norfolk.sch.uk/merlins@cringleford.norfolk.sch.uk. Please be aware that there might be a small delay in the teachers both reading the emails and replying as they are in school teaching.

Rewards

The same rewards system currently runs across the whole school.

- Team points
- Class Hooray (When the whole class are making a really good effort, a token is put in the class jar which when full is treated with a whole class reward of their choosing.)
- Celebration Certificates.

When it is your child's birthday, they are able to come to school in their 'home clothes'. If this happens to fall on a PE day, please make sure they are suitably dressed for outdoor PE.

Consequences

This follows the school behaviour policy. If a child lands on a red traffic light they are given time out which is a time where they are removed from an activity and are asked to reflect on their actions. This is a rare occurrence and we will always let you know that this has happened.

P.E

P.E is on a Tuesday and Friday for Skylarks and on Wednesday and Friday for Merlins. Please ensure that your child comes to school on these days dressed in suitable clothing for an outdoor PE lesson. This should be black jogging bottoms, leggings or shorts, a red or white t-shirt and a sweatshirt. If your child has pierced ears, ideally we request that they remove their earrings. We also request that all long hair is tied back. The

children will be doing outdoor PE as much as possible so we would ask that they wear trainers instead of plimsolls. Merlins will be swimming on a Tuesday afternoon for the first half of each term and Skylarks will be swimming for the second half of each term. Children will need a swimming hat, swimming costume (not shorts), goggles and a towel.

Reading

Reading is the gateway to so many other areas of learning and is an essential life skill, so please make sure your child is enjoying books regularly. Ideally this would be listening to your child read **daily** and talking about the content of what they are reading but it could also include your child reading independently, being read to or listening to an audio book. We expect the children to be reading as often as possible at home. We would like parents to sign their children's reading record book to confirm that their child has read at least three times during the week. Please ensure that reading record books are brought in **daily**. We will be monitoring the books in on a Friday to check that the children are reading regularly. We will be keeping our own records in school about guided and whole class reading.

We welcome children bringing in a book from home but also have a collection of books at school that they can choose from.

Class Governors

Each class has a Governor assigned to them who visits the children once a term. This Governor stays with the class as they move up the school, getting to know the children and following their progress.

Curriculum

You should have now received the curriculum map for the first half of the Autumn term. Further information will be sent at the beginning of the second half of the Autumn term and Spring and Summer term.

Homework

Aside from reading as frequently as possible, your child should be encouraged to learn their times tables and they will be regularly tested at school. We will also be setting weekly spellings appropriate to your child's ability and they will be tested on these words each Monday. We will be setting weekly online Maths challenges later this term and your child will be provided with an Active Learn and Times table Rockstars login. These log in details will be in the back of their reading records.

Each half term there will be an opportunity for the children to enrich their learning in school, by completing a task related to the topic or theme of the half term. Information will be sent out about this in due course.

We look forward to getting to know your child and working in partnership with you.

The Year 4 Team

Mrs Brown, Mrs Dodson and Mr Barwick.