



Year 4
Mr Westhead, Miss Allen
Spring Term 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a restful and peaceful Christmas and are looking forward to the Spring Term. This promises to be a very busy term as we introduce new topics in many subjects. If you have any questions, about homework, learning, or your child's wellbeing, then please remember we are always here to help; either speak to us at the end of the day or email the school office:

office@harwood-meadows.bolton.sch.uk

Mr Westhead and Miss Allen

We are...

Aspirational
Resilient
Kind

THINGS TO REMEMBER

MONDAY is our P.E. day. Please come to school dressed in your PE kit. Earrings must be taken out at home and hair must be appropriately tied up for this subject.

Children should wear the school P.E kit (navy shorts and red t-shirt).

Appropriate outside wear may be also required at this time of year.

We will inform you if extra sessions are planned for Thursdays.

MONDAY is spelling test day. New spellings will be set for children to practise from Monday to the following Monday. *Please encourage your child to use Spelling Shed to support their spelling work.* Spelling lists are available on dojo as pdfs and hard copies are also made available to children.

UNIFORM: Please make sure that your child's uniform is clearly labelled; we have so many children, that items of uniform and P.E. kit are easily lost.

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD

- Reading with your child at home is vital. Children who foster a love of reading, by reading at home daily with parents and carers, are proven to make greater progress and develop the wider vocabulary essential to access learning at secondary school. If possible, at least 3 times a week. Please remember to sign your child's reading record.
- It is imperative to practise spellings and multiplication tables. Your child will be expected to pass the government's Multiplication Tables Check for year 4 this year on all of their tables up to and including $12 \times 12 = 144$. Please use TTRockstars daily and try:

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

We are using this widely in school and the children are enjoying using it.

- Continue to encourage your child to develop their independence, remembering their water bottles, packed lunches and coats, as well as fastening coats and laces. *The weather is too cold this time of year for children not to have a coat in school-which seems to be happening quite frequently. Please check your child has an appropriate coat for school playtimes and lunchtimes as we cannot accommodate children in inside areas over breaks.*
- Remind your child to hand in any letters or reply slips to their teacher.
- Check your child's reading packet each day.
- Practise learning on Spelling Shed, Purple Mash, TTRockstars and so on, using the log-ins sent home.
- Check Class Dojo for any messages and updates of learning.

We had to throw away a number of unnamed/unclaimed items before the Christmas break. Children with long hair must have it tied back in a hair bobble. Earrings should be removed on PE day or will be taped over during the lesson (this however, wastes a lot of lesson time)

WATER BOTTLES: Please make sure that children bring a clearly labelled water bottle into school each day.

HOMEWORK will be set each Wednesday and is due by the following Wednesday. Please endeavour to give your child time to complete this as it is a key opportunity to cement and share what your child has learned in school that week.

SNACK: All children are invited to bring in a healthy snack for break times. This as a suggestion, could vary from raisins, pears, apples etc. Please avoid snacks such as biscuits, crisps, chocolate.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Friday 13th February** – Finish school for half term (3:30pm)
- **Monday 23rd February** – School restarts after half term.
- **Thursday 5th March** – World Book Day
- **Tuesday 10th March** - Year 4 trip to Sevenacres.
- **Tuesday 17th / Wed 18th March** – parent conferences.
- **Wednesday 1st April** – Deadline date for egg creation entries.
- **Thursday 2nd April** – Finish school for Easter holiday (3:30pm).

READING BOOKS

Your child will bring home a home reading book which is linked to the level they are working at. The books are closely linked with the books read in school and offer additional practise in reading strategies shared that week. Please read with your child every day and sign their diary. Reading books will be changed at least once a week and a new book will be allocated. Children will read at different times during the week. Please ensure your child brings their reading book and diary to school regularly. Your child may also bring home a book from the 100 books challenge to enjoy together.

➤ **Monday 20th April** – School restarts after Easter.

Look out weekly on class dojo for any changes or highlights for the week.

Miss Allen very kindly updates us all at the weekend for the coming week.

Any questions, please ask!

SUBJECT OVERVIEWS

MATHS: Multiplication, Division, Measurement- Length and Perimeter, Fractions and decimals

ENGLISH: Narrative, escape and adventure stories, motivational speeches and persuasion, Computing pioneers biography.

SCIENCE: Living things and their habitats.

GEOGRAPHY: Rivers

HISTORY: The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY: Finishing our lamps.

COMPUTING: Computer Literacy, word processing, spreadsheets, coding.

PE: Dance and OAA.

PSHE: Aspirations, how to achieve goals and understanding the emotions that go with this. Being and keeping safe and healthy.

RE: How do festivals and family life show what matters to Jewish people?

MUSIC: **Stop**-Anti-bullying and rap music. **Lean on Me**- Soul music

ART: Finishing Greek pottery and Roman Mosaics

FRENCH: Dans La Classe- (in the classroom) Je peux- (I am able to)

SCHOOL RULES

Ready...Respectful...Safe

CLASS DOJOS



Children will earn dojos in class all year towards their bronze, silver and gold badges.

50 dojos = Bronze **100 dojos = Silver** **150 dojos = Gold** **200 = Platinum**

If you haven't signed up already, you will receive a parent sign up code so you can follow your child's progress.

