



Year 4
Mr Westhead, Mrs Parmar, Mrs Hennessey
Autumn Term 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the start of what promises to be a fantastic year in Year 4. We hope you have all had an enjoyable Summer and are ready for an exciting year ahead.

This year we will be working very hard and having lots of fun along the way. If you have any questions, 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

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/covered as per our PE policy.

MONDAY is spelling test day. New spellings will be set for children to practise. Please encourage your child to use Spelling Shed to support their spelling work.

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. Children with long hair must have it tied back in a hair bobble. Children must wear the school P.E kit (navy shorts and red t-shirt).

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 in the following Wednesday. Spelling can be dropped onto Dojo as a pdf or sent home as hard copies if required. Children will need to access Spelling shed. Maths Homework will be set through the online LBQ platform that we use in school.

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD

- Read with your child at home. 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 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 perhaps try:
<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>
This site has games, worksheets and various interactive tests to help with your child's times tables.
- Continue to encourage your child to develop their independence, remembering their water bottles, packed lunches and coats, as well as fastening coats and laces.
- 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 etc, using the log-ins sent home.
- Check Class Dojo for any messages and updates of learning.

SNACK: All children can 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 etc.

BACKPACKS: We simply do not have space to store backpacks in school. There is not room in our cloakrooms and they often end up on the floor where they are trampled on, or in Year 4's case, kicked inadvertently into the toilets. Please stick with a school reading bag and lunchbox/waterbottle carried separately.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Wednesday 16th September** – Meet the Teacher
- **Friday 18th September** – Individual photo day.
- **Monday 26th October – Friday 6th November** – Half-term break
- **Tuesday 24th – Wednesday 25th November** – Parent conferences
- **Wednesday 9th December** – Christmas Theatre visit
- **Friday 11th December** – Christmas Fair, Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day
- **Thursday 17th December** – Class Party and Christmas performance.
- **Friday 18th December** –
2pm - school finishes for the Christmas break

Tuesday 4th January –

Spring term begins

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. We will endeavour to change reading books 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 every day. Your child may also bring home a book from the 100 books challenge to enjoy together.



SUBJECT OVERVIEWS

MATHS: Number: Place value, addition and subtraction. Measurement: length and perimeter. Multiplication and Division

ENGLISH: Settings and characters/narrative, diary entries, instructions, poetry. Narrative – myths and legends, dialogue, book reviews, reports.

SCIENCE: Electricity, animals including humans (including teeth and the digestive system)

GEOGRAPHY: Human and physical geography; European regions, including Greece.

HISTORY: The Ancient Greeks

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY: Electricity and construction. Nightlights.

COMPUTING: E-Safety; digital literacy; hyperlinks and editing digital photographs; using a range of Excel tools; creating graphs from data on a spreadsheet. Computer Science, coding recap.

PE: Basketball, gymnastics, safe use of equipment.

PSHE: Being me in my world; celebrating difference.

RE: Key question – What kind of world did Jesus want?

MUSIC: Mamma Mia and recorder work, Christmas songs,

ART: Drawing, Greek clay pottery, Christmas activities.

FRENCH: I'm learning French and salutations.

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.