

Crossways Junior School
'Soaring to Success'
Welcome to Chestnut &
Hawthorn Classes

The children are settling really well into their new routines so it's a good time to give more information and the 'big picture' for the coming year. This leaflet describes aspects of school life for the Year 4 classes which we hope you will find useful.

English and Maths will be taught daily. This term we will be writing a variety of texts including stories and persuasion texts as part of our unit (topic) 'Roman Civilisation'. Other units we will cover this year include: Roman conflict, states of matter (including the water cycle) and the industrial revolution.

We teach using a skills based curriculum. This means that the children will be learning specific skills across a variety of topics. Please check the school website for the subsequent terms' units.

Your child will be taught by Mrs Ayotte (Chestnut) or Mr Relton (Hawthorn). Once a week the teachers will have planning time and the children will be taught by another teacher. Both classes are also supported by Mrs Ivett, our teaching assistant, and Miss Organ our apprentice teaching assistant. Mrs Bamford and Mrs Phillips will be in Chestnut class.

Spelling - Your child will receive approximately an hour of spelling input per week with follow-up activities to do both in class and at home. Children should practise their spellings (sent home and also on our Year 4 page of the website) as part of their home learning. We will have two weekly mini spelling tests, one on Wednesday and one on Friday.

Languages

Your child is being taught French by the Year 4 teachers throughout the year. We also sometimes answer the register in other languages.

Reading books are changed by your child when they have finished and an adult has seen the reading record. They will be given opportunities during the day to do this. Every child is encouraged to complete 5 home reads per week. Each 10/15 minutes of reading counts as 1 read. The expectation for every term is to complete 25 reads. Every 25 reads will be acknowledged by the class teacher with a special stamp. Children can read to themselves and they can write the details in their reading record themselves or an adult to achieve this but, in both cases, their reading records should be signed/initialled by an adult. Their reading record is to record their positive reading experiences and their next steps for improving their reading.



Home Learning

Spellings (2 lists – weekly tests)
Reading (x5 weekly, x25 per term)
Times table Rock Stars (x 2 weekly) <https://trockstars.com/>
Mathletics (x1 weekly) <https://login.mathletics.com/>

Above is a recommended minimum, but if they choose, of course your child can do more. School will be in touch when other home learning starts again.

Times tables – children need to know all times tables from 1x1 to 12x12. Times table rock stars is the easiest way to practise, but they can practise with pen and paper too!

<https://trockstars.com/>
<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>
<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>



PE is on Tuesday mornings and swimming is on Wednesday afternoon (last session 6th December). If this changes, we will inform you. P.E. kits and P.E. shoes to be left in school (can be taken home at the end of term for washing)

Swimming kit will come home after every session.

Basic Classroom Needs:

One basic pencil case containing pencils (HB), pencil sharpener, rubber, ruler (optional coloured pencils) – kept in school – small enough to go in tray.

- Water bottle
- Old shirt/painting apron (left in school)
- P.E. kit (white t-shirt, blue shorts, track suit and trainers (daps for inside optional) to be worn on PE days.
- Small school bags only please **Names in/on everything please!**

Star awards and Soaring to Success will be celebrated in our celebration assembly with staff and children.

In the meantime, should you have any concerns at all, please email: year4@crossways.org.uk and we will reply as soon as we can. We hope your child has a successful and rewarding time learning in our classes this year.

Mrs Ayotte, Mr Relton, Mrs Ivett, Mrs Bamford, Mrs Phillips and Miss Organ.

