



Welcome to Year 4

Times of the school day

8:40am - Gates open

8:45am - 'In the line at quarter to 9'

3:15pm - Home time



Please let the office know at the start of the day by phone call or email if your child is going to be absent.

Meet the Team

Ms. Leach

Year 4 Seahorses

Miss Smith

Year 4 Pikes

Important dates coming up:



- Monday 18th September: Clubs start
- Tuesday 19th September: Swimming starts
- Friday 6th October: Headteacher Coffee Morning (9am)
- W/B Monday 23rd October: Half term

The importance of reading

- Reading is life-changing
- Families can help us by reading with their child every day (if possible) until children are reading fluently independently.
- Reading should be recorded in their Reading Record books a minimum of 4 times a week.
- Depending on your child's age/ability you may want to read to them, with them or have them read out loud to you.

Reading Book and Reading Record Book should come to school every day.

Home Learning - each week on GC

Phonics/spelling – Pupils will be set spelling words every 2 weeks.

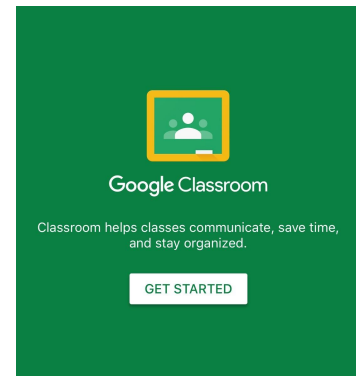
- They will be quizzed on these words in class (low-stakes, low stress)

Times Table Rock Stars – Please support your child to log in TTRS regularly.

- Around 10 minutes, three times a week. Little and often is best!
- Pupils in Y4 will also be quizzed on their times tables regularly.
- Pupils who know all their times tables fluently will be invited to join the 144 club and will earn a special badge.

Google Classroom Task – Pupils will be set a weekly task every Friday on Google Classroom which will usually be a quiz on English or maths that has been covered that week.

- Please support your child to log in to their account and access the home learning.
- Hand in by Thursday morning.
- Pupils who do not complete this task will be asked to complete it at school.



Home Learning - Termly creative activities

Optional Creative Projects – Each term, your child will be set a variety of open-ended activities.

- Pupils are encouraged to take photos of their learning and upload it to their Google Classroom or to bring their learning in to the class whenever they complete it during the term.
- Pupils will be given opportunities to share their learning at school.

What do I need to bring to school?

- Water bottle
- Bag
- Reading Book and Reading Record Book should come to school every day
- Weather appropriate clothes (sun hat / raincoat)



Uniform

- Navy Hotham sweatshirt / cardigan
- White polo shirt
- **Navy** trousers/shorts/pinafore/skirt/skort
- Black shoes (sensible - no boots or high heels)

Optional items:

- Red gingham dress
- Navy hijab
- Red Hotham fleece (outdoors/to and from school)
- Red bookbag/backpack



PE days

Optional: Navy PE hoody

Year group	Class	PE days
Reception	Dragonflies	Tuesday
	Pondskaters	Tuesday
1	Frogs	Thursday / Friday
	Newts	Thursday / Friday
2	Moorhens	Monday / Friday
	Swans	Monday / Thursday
3	Voles	Monday / Wednesday
	Otters	Monday / Wednesday
4	Seahorses	Monday / Tuesday (+ swimming kit)
	Pikes	Monday / Tuesday (+ swimming kit)
5	Seals	Tuesday (+ swimming kit) / Wednesday
	Porpoises	Tuesday (+ swimming kit) / Wednesday
6	Cormorants	Monday / Thursday
	Hérons	Monday / Thursday



P.E. Bag:
Red with Logo



PE

- Please wear PE kit on Monday and Tuesdays. Please tie up long hair.
- This term, on Tuesdays we will be going swimming after lunch. Children will need to bring in a bag **on Monday** with their swimming items:
 - One-piece swimming costume / fitted swimming trunks
 - Swimming cap
 - Goggles
 - Towel
 - Any earrings must be removed.

Happy Healthy Hotham

- This year, **all children** in Reception to year 6 are eligible for a free school meal.
- Our menu is available on our website.
- Water in water bottles - no juice/cordial
- Healthy snacks - fruit, breadsticks are great for morning playtime
- Sweets/chocolate are never allowed in packed lunches
- Due to allergies and dietary restrictions we are unable to share donated food treats with classes.
- We are a nut-free school. No nuts allowed in packed lunches.



Birthday Books

- This year, we are trialling Birthday Books.
- On the occasion of a child's birthday, parents are welcome to donate a book to the school which will go in the class book corner, with a beautiful bookplate label inside to say who kindly donated it.
- If you would like to donate a birthday book, you can of course purchase a book from any bookseller but you might like to use the year group wish lists on Amazon for ideas.
- Any books ordered via Amazon will be delivered to our school office. Please add a note when you place the order saying who it is from.



PTA

- The PTA is you! We are a group of volunteers parents and teaching staff who work together to make their school a better environment for all children.
- Raise extra funds through a wide range of fun activities from, coffee mornings, book fairs, winter wonderland, cake sales, school discos and much more.
- If you have something to offer, please get in touch! The PTA is always looking for new volunteers who would like to help with organising fundraising events. Please get in touch if you would like to get involved!



Communication – let's keep in touch!

- Google Classroom
- Hotham project overviews and Project outcomes
- Class assemblies
- Whole school newsletter
- Twitter
- Email

We will inform you of your child's progress formally through:

- Termly parents' evenings
- Written end of year reports

If you would like to contact your child's teacher please email:

info@hotham.wandsworth.sch.uk for your class teacher's attention.

Likewise, if teachers have any concerns they will be in touch with you.



The fun stuff!

Trips in year 4

We are looking forward to many school trips and outings this year, including:

- A Viking workshop – where children can dress up!
- An overnight stay on the Golden Hinde Boat
- A river walk
- The London Wetland Centre



Other reminders

- In year 4, we have a large focus on times tables due to the multiplication check which all Year 4 pupils do nationally. We will increasingly be asking the children to practise at home in order to be fluent in all 12 times tables by the end of the year.
- If any adults are available to volunteer to come into school and read with children during the school day, please let your class teacher know.