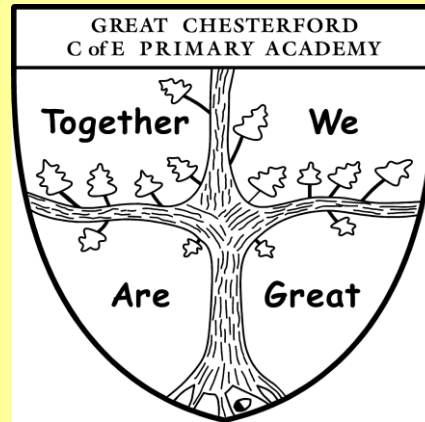




Welcome to Year 4

Year 4 Staff Team

Class Teachers

Mrs Butler – Every day

Mrs Raper– Wednesday morning

Teaching Assistants

Miss Vigo

Topics this year include Victorians, Vikings, Ancient Greeks, Volcanoes and Water.

Timings for the day.



- Arrive at school 0845pm
- Break is from 1025 to 1040hrs. This is for years 3 and 4.
- Lunch is from 1220 to 1320hrs, class will go out play first and have their lunch in the hall from 1245hrs.
- End of school is 1520hrs and the children will be released into the Key Stage 1 playground. Parents to wait near the wall and children will walk down to you.

Year 4 Events Autumn 2021

Harvest Festival – Friday 22nd September

Class 4 Assembly – Friday 29th September

Other information

School council will be elected, three members of the class will serve the class for the whole year.

Year 4 Multiplication Check

- At the end of the year, the class will complete an online multiplication check.
- Checks tables up to and including 12x12.
- Takes place in a two week window in June.
- 25 questions with 6 seconds to answer each question.
- [Timestables.co.uk](https://www.timestables.co.uk)



Homework Expectations

- Daily practise of times tables and reading
- Maths homework and a spelling activity set on a Friday and due for the Thursday the following week.
- The homework task should take no more than 20 minutes
- Neat presentation – completed in pencil
- Use of folder to transport homework book and sheets between home and school
- This will be marked either by an adult or sometimes the children in class time.
- Spelling activity

Online Activities

- Homework may involve Active Learn or TTRockStar activities
- Please check children know their logins. They are the same as those from year 3.
- Read together the pages regarding the use of Internet and E-safety in the planners.

Reading

- Read to an adult every day for at least 15 minutes
- Please note in the planner the date, book and page numbers read
- Any additional comments are welcome
- Discuss vocabulary, predict the story, discuss the plot/characters/setting
- Make it an enjoyable experience!
- Planners are checked regularly for reading at home

Reading Challenge

- Mix of reading and tasks
- Children earn points for completing books and talking to an adult about them
- Points can be earned for completing tasks in school – time given in class each week for this
- Suggested reading list is on the class page of the website
- Children are not to complete tasks at home. These will not be counted. Reading books at home will be counted.

Equipment Needed

All children are expected to provide an A4 envelope style plastic folder. It should be in school each day along with a reading book and planner.

Children may bring in one pencil case but school will provide equipment if needed.

It should include:

- HB pencils
- 30cm ruler
- Eraser
- Pencil sharpener
- Coloured pencils
- Glue stick

P.E.

P.E. will place on Tuesday and Wednesday morning (swimming).

P.E. kits should be worn to school on a Tuesday and Wednesday

Earrings must be removed. No hooded tops.

If your child is unable to do P.E., please put this in writing, either in a letter or email the office.

Please make sure all clothing is clearly labelled!

Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform.

For your child's comfort, boots can be very uncomfortable to wear all day, especially when they are sitting on the carpet.

No trainers unless it's a PE day. This also applies to skins.

For the modesty of girls, if they wish to do handstands/cartwheels at break times they are advised to wear shorts under their skirts.

Residential

Burwell House, Burwell, Cambridgeshire

4th and 5th January 2024

Cost will be approximately £100 for the two days.

There will be more details soon, including being able to pay in installments.

If anyone is concerned about cost please contact the school office in confidence. There is a local charity who may help.

Growth Mindset

- Developing positive attitudes to learning for all
- Sitting with a learning partner for the week
- Mixed ability – opportunity to discuss learning with a greater range of peers
- Option for children to choose their level of challenge on tasks – guidance given if needed
- Focus on how they can improve



This year, we are pleased to continue to work alongside Abby O'Donnell, an Educational Mental Health Practitioner working with MIND.

Abby will continue to offer weekly parent support sessions for those families with children experiences anxiety or challenging behaviour at home. These are done with families on a 1:1 basis and don't involve the child. If you feel this free service may be something you are interested in, additional information can be found on the school website (including an easy self-referral link) or you can contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Lincoln (SENCO).

In addition to the parent support sessions, Abby will be working with groups of children across the school on a weekly basis on topics including; managing emotions, developing friendships and coping with transitions.

Further information about the support MIND in West Essex offers families outside of school can be found at: <https://www.mindinwestessex.org.uk/>

How to help...

- Routine for homework
- Daily reading
- Daily practise of key maths facts – times tables and number bonds
- Contact me if you have any concerns or queries



Healthy Schools

- Water bottles – named and only containing water
- Healthy packed lunches with a cool pack
- No energy drinks
- Snacks for breaktime – fruit or a vegetable in its pure form, savoury crack piece of cheese eg Babybel.
- Time for physical activity
- Sleep!



Reminder...

- Up to date medical information and contact details, send in any inhalers or medication for allergies, clearly labelled.
- Medicine policy – no medicines administered without a medical form. This includes creams.
- Please send a letter to excuse PE for injury/illness
- Please contact the school office if your child is unwell
- Avoid holidays and appointments in term time
- Please view the website and newsletter for regular updates

- If your child would like music lessons; violin, brass, woodwind and piano are currently offered. Contact the school office for more details.
- Breakfast club, afterschool club etc. Details are on the school website.
- Please continue to read the weekly newsletter as at times dates and timings have to change.

Keep in touch...

- Please keep me informed of anything which may affect your child's learning or welfare.
- If you have any concerns, please see me at the end of the day.

If you need to contact me, you can email the office

admin@greatchesterford.essex.sch.uk