

KERR MACKIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR HANDBOOK

SEPTEMBER 2012



Welcome to the Year 4 class booklet, providing information about the year group and class your child will be in next year, September 2012.

We know that a huge number of the school's parents and carers want to support their child's experience at school as much as possible and we hope that you find the information provided in this booklet helpful.

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STAFFING IN YEAR 4

Lime Class teacher: Mrs D. Furness

Cedar Class teacher: Mr A. Monks

Miss Horwell will teach music in Y4

Teaching Assistants

Miss R. Marsland

Mrs S. Lall

Mrs C. Lee

CURRICULUM

The curriculum is made up of the following subjects

- English
- Maths
- Science
- ICT (computers)
- Geography
- History
- Design Technology
- Art
- Religious Education (RE)
- Music
- Personal, Health and Social Education
- French

Currently, apart from RE there is a statutory national curriculum for children in Y4 covering the above subjects. For RE the school follows Leeds agreed syllabus. Your child will receive reading, writing and maths lessons every day, one hour swimming and one hour of P.E. per week, one hour of music and R.E. per week, at least one hour of ICT per week and half an hour French every week.

Cedar class go to Fearnville swimming baths on Wednesday mornings, leaving at 9.00a.m. returning 10.25a.m and Lime class go on a Friday. Your child will need to bring a swimming costume/trunks and a towel. Each term the children's swimming ability is assessed and if the standard is met they are rewarded with a Dolphin badge and certificate at a cost of £1.50.

The school is currently revising the curriculum and further information about the topics your child will cover will be provided in September.

A curriculum newsletter is sent home at the beginning of each half term which details what your child will be learning in a range of subjects and the skills that will be developed.

There are set national expectations for the end of each year group. We know that some children will exceed these expectations and some may not acquire all of them. Our job is to ensure that your child achieves his/her full potential.

Reading

By the end of Y4 most children are expected to

- Be familiar with words which begin with 'silent letters'. E.g. ph, kn
- Retell the story and show a good grasp of the main points of a text.
- Make sensible predictions about what is likely to happen in the story.
- Be familiar with most letter blends that start words and with the common word endings. e.g. ing, ed.
- Be happy to have a go at reading aloud in different contexts.
- Be able to use appropriate voices for characters and adopt a story-telling voice when needed.

Writing

By the end of Y4 most children are expected to

- Use connectives to link paragraphs.
- Consistently use first and third person correctly.
- Use commas within sentences.
- Use apostrophes for possession.
- Mostly correct spelling of high/medium-frequency words.
- Use neat and legible handwriting with some joining of letters.

Maths

By the end of Y4 most children are expected to

- Read, write and order numbers to 10,000, and know value of each digit.
- Know by heart all times tables to 10x10 (and division facts).
- Round numbers (up to 3 digits) to nearest 10 or 100.
- Add and subtract mentally pairs of two digit numbers
- Multiply and divide 2 digit numbers by 10 or 100.
- Divide (up to 4 digits) numbers by 10 or 100.
- Multiply and divide numbers up to 100 by 2, 3, 4 or 5 and find remainders.
- Identify pairs of fractions that total 1.
- Tell times to nearest minute.

ASSESSMENT

Your child's learning is assessed continually by the class teacher and each half term the teacher submits the level your child is working at in reading, writing and maths to the Headteacher. This helps the school monitor how well your child is learning, and identify how we can challenge and support your child so they achieve their full potential.

Your child's class teacher will discuss with you at parents' evenings the level your child is working at and the level they are expected to achieve by the end of the year. You will receive regular updates on how well your child is doing and guidance on how you can support at home.

The national expectation is for children to achieve a secure level 3 (3b or 3c) by the end of Y4 if they are to achieve level 4 by the end of Y6.

The following table shows the level most children are expected to be working at by the end of each school year.

	1c	1b	1a	2c	2b	2a	3c	3b	3a	4c	4b	4a
Y1												
Y2												
Y3												
Y4												
Y5												
Y6												

HOMEWORK

Each week your child will receive a list of spellings to learn, some maths facts to practise and a learning log. The purpose of the learning log is for your child to show their learning based on what they have been learning in school in any way they choose. Children have an opportunity to share their learning logs with the rest of the class.

ATTENDANCE

Good attendance plays a crucial role in helping your child achieve well at school. The Department for Education recommends that primary school children should have a minimum attendance of 95%. We will always phone on the first day of your child's absence so we can accurately record the reason for your child's absence. If the school begins to have a concern regarding your child's attendance, the school's attendance officer will make contact and discuss with you whether there are any particularly issues that are affecting your child's attendance and if there is anything the school can do to help.

An attendance rate of 90% is the equivalent of being absent for **one half-day every week**.

90% attendance is equivalent to missing **four whole school weeks** in the school year.

15 minutes late each day means **10 days** lost to school each year.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

During the first term the following After School Clubs are available to your child in Y4

Monday – Drama and Football

Tuesday – Computer Club and French

Wednesday – Multisport

Thursday – Cricket, Glee Club and Art/Craft

Friday – Commando Joe

Parents and carers will receive more detailed information in September

KEEPING HEALTHY

The school is committed to supporting parents and carers help their child make healthy life choices. The work school has done in this area was recognised as good by Ofsted. Your child will learn about healthy foods and the importance of exercise whilst in Y4 and will receive two hours of P.E. every week. The school has worked closely with parents and carers and governors to develop guidance on providing healthy packed lunches. Please find the guidance below, I hope it is useful.

The guidelines that we are proposing are a combination of those suggested by the Schools Food Trust and Education Leeds.

Proposed guidelines

For a balanced packed lunch please try to include one each of these healthier foods and drinks. You will see that there are five components (plus a drink) which make up an 'ideal' lunch :

Fruit	Essential for vitamins and minerals. Try to include at least one portion of fruit (fruit juice can count as one portion).
Vegetables	Again for vitamins and minerals. Try to include at least one portion of vegetables.
Protein	Required for muscle growth. Add some protein, for example lean meats, fish, eggs, tofu, pulses, nuts or beans.
Starchy foods/carbohydrates	Starchy foods are great for energy. These include bread, rice, chapattis, and pasta. Unprocessed types are best such as wholemeal bread rather than white.
Milk and dairy foods	Crucial for healthy bones and teeth. Choose from milk, cheese or yoghurt.

Please try to avoid:

Crisps

Chocolate

Snacks which are high in fat, sugar or salt

Drinks

Water Fresh, cooled water will be freely available for your child on the table at lunchtime.

Healthier drinks If you would like to put a drink in your child's packed lunch please try to include water, milk, fresh fruit juice or fruit smoothies.

Please try not to include any drinks sweetened with sugar or artificial sweeteners (such as aspartame), or flavoured milk.

Packed lunches should not include fizzy drinks or sweets.

FEEDBACK

This is the second time we have produced a handbook for each year group and the school would welcome your comments.

In September you will receive a model timetable showing a typical week in Y4. If there is other information you would like, please let us know by returning this sheet.

Thank you for taking the time to read this booklet.

I think the handbook is a good idea

agree/do not agree

I found the handbook helpful

agree/do not agree

Further information I would like to receive