

Year 4

Meet the teacher

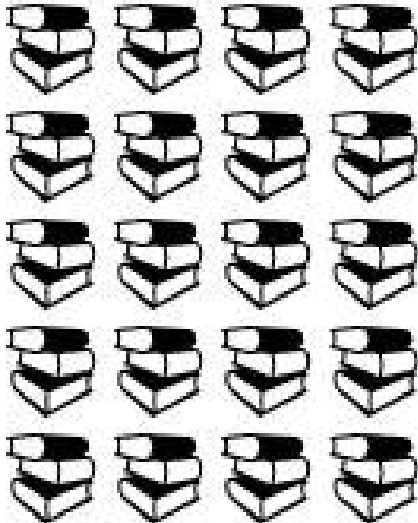
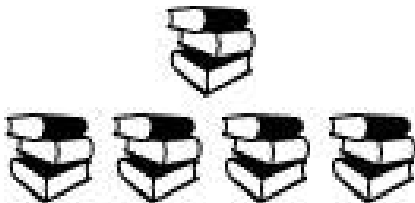

19th September 2024

Mr Strahan

Reading – Why It's So Important

- Reading for pleasure is the **single most important factor in determining a child's future** (economic, employment, mental health).
- Lack of engagement with reading correlates to lack of employment, lower wages and low well-being.
- Big impact on writing, spelling and spoken language too

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
		
❖ Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests.

Statistically, children that read more, do better in school.

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.

Reading

- Every child should read with an adult every day
- Reading raffle (monthly prize draw)
- If you still need convincing:

7 reasons why reading is good for you:

<https://www.cae.edu.au/news/7-proven-reasons-why-reading-is-good-for-you/>

Autumn Learning

- Anglo-Saxons in history
 - Workshop on Tuesday 24th September (letter was emailed on 5/9/24) – dressing up optional
- Place value in maths (numbers to 10,000)
- Mythical stories in English
- Electricity in science
- Coding in computing (on [Scratch](#))
- Forest school every Friday (afternoon)

Times Tables

- Started yesterday
- Test every Thursday
- Letter sent home last week
- Children will have some input into the tables they learn (within reason)
- **Really important in spring term maths lessons (and beyond)**
- Children that practise at home each week will make good progress
- Times Tables Rock Stars can be used to practise

Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

- In June 2025, Year 4 will complete the online “multiplication tables check”.
- Takes 5 minutes
- 25 multiplication questions
- Children only get 6 seconds to answer each question, so they need to know their times tables really well!

Spelling

- Test every Friday
- First lot sent home last week
- Accompanied by a maths frenzy and times tables grid (can be completed with or without being timed)
- **Children are expected to spell 'most' of the Y3/4 list by the end of Year 4**
- For some children, high frequency words will be prioritised instead

New Curriculum Spelling List Years 3 and 4

accident	century	experiment	interest	particular	remember
accidentally	certain	extreme	island	peculiar	sentence
actual	circle	famous	knowledge	perhaps	separate
actually	complete	favourite	learn	popular	special
address	consider	February	length	position	straight
answer	continue	forwards	library	possess	strange
appear	decide	fruit	material	possession	strength
arrive	describe	grammar	medicine	possible	suppose
believe	different	group	mention	potatoes	surprise
bicycle	difficult	guard	minute	pressure	therefore
breath	disappear	guide	natural	probably	though
breathe	early	heard	naughty	promise	although
build	earth	heart	notice	purpose	thought
busy	eight	height	occasion	quarter	through
business	eighth	history	occasionally	question	various
calendar	enough	imagine	often	recent	weight
caught	exercise	increase	opposite	regular	woman
centre	experience	important	ordinary	reign	women

Christmas Play

- Audition scripts sent out in the week before half term
- Auditions straight after half term
- Performance dates:
 - Wednesday 11th December (afternoon)
 - Thursday 12th December (afternoon)
 - Friday 13th December (evening)

Hudnall Park Residential Trip

Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th June 2025

Information meeting to
be held after Christmas.

