



Meet the teacher



Welcome to Year 4



Staff

- ▶ Sloth Class Mrs Rolfe-Adams
- ▶ Flamingo Class Mrs Woods
- ▶ Panda Class Ms Scott and Mrs Debenham

- ▶ Our Support Adults:
- ▶ Miss Vulger
- ▶ Mrs Croker



Communication

- ▶ Parent Newsletter every 2 weeks
- ▶ Whole school weekly newsletter
- ▶ Open door policy at the end of every day
- ▶ Mr Pryke (whilst covering for Miss Lomas who will return after maternity leave)

We value parent feedback and always encourage you to share questions, concerns and thoughts so we can work closely together to provide the best for your children.

How to contact us: write a message in your child's Reading Record or after school and urgent messages can be passed on via the office via telephone call.

Main topics

- ▶ **Autumn** - Science – States of Matter and Sound / History - The Legacy of the Ancient Greeks / Geography - Europe and Greece / Computing – Multimedia and keyboard skills / Art – Jabberwocky Picture Book / DT – Food Technology / French - Greetings, Describe where we live, our age and our family.
- ▶ **Spring** Science – Electricity and Living Things and Conservation / History - The Romans in Britain / Geography – Settlements and Field Work / Computing –+ Technology in our lives / Art – Exploring Still Life (Clay Fruit Tiles) / How to display Art (Plinth People) / French – Months and Birthdays, using the past tense
- ▶ **Summer**- Science – Living Things in Habitats and Animals inc Humans (Digestive System and Teeth) / Geography – Italy and Volcanoes / Computing – Multimedia + Databases / DT – Pneumatics - syringes and pipes / D.T – Shell structures – cardboard, joining techniques / Computing – data handling and multimedia / French – Describing our appearance and the weather

Multiplication Check

- ▶ A statutory check
 - ▶ Online test (pupils have 6 seconds)
 - ▶ We will prepare from April
- Administer Tests**
Monday 7 June 2027 to
Friday 18 June 2027
- ▶ Not all pupils eligible (we will speak to you individually)

Parent Information is on our Year 4 Page / School Website

Multiplication tables check

Do you have a child in year 4 at primary school?

If so, your child will be participating in the multiplication tables check (MTC) in June.

The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help your child's school to identify if your child may need additional support.

What is the multiplication tables check?

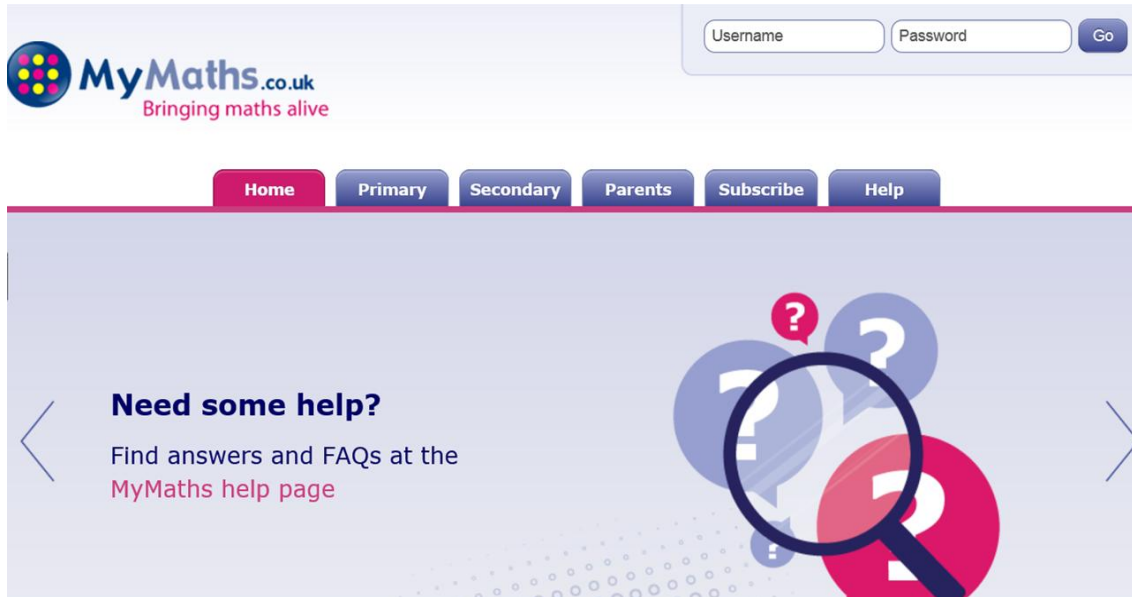
It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

Homework Expectations

- ▶ Main homework task This is usually linked to a core subjects and essential skill. Occasionally, there may be topic related tasks to aid their learning in class.
- ▶ Reading 5 x week. Pupils can write it in their Reading Record. This can be a mixture of their school book and any book they choose to read at home.
- ▶ Times tables
- ▶ Spellings - practise a spelling rule taught that week or learn their half termly exception words.
- ▶ **Homework Club every Monday lunchtime!**
- ▶ Homework is set on Wednesdays and due on Mondays.

Logging In

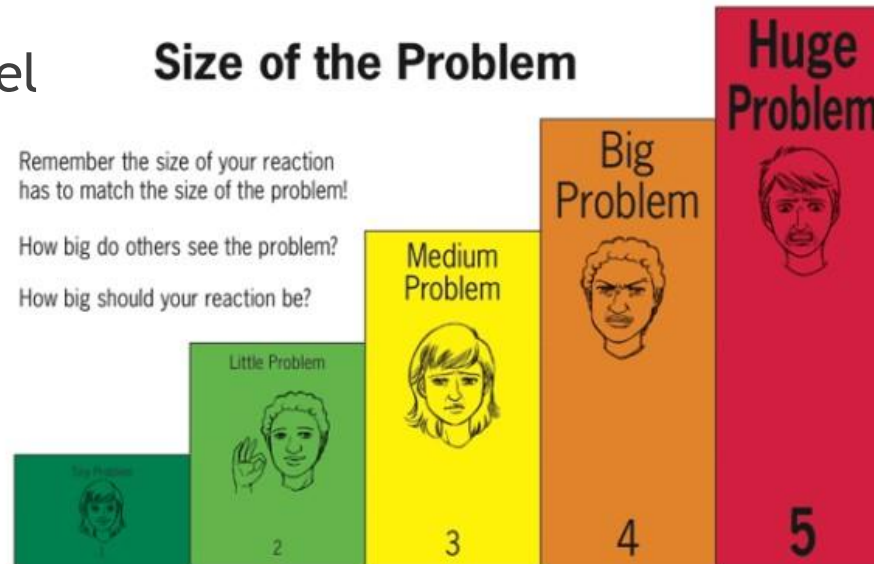
Passwords and Usernames will be glued in your child's Reading Record **but please make a note of them at home.**



If you need a reminder, please send a note to your child's class teacher.
We will get these to you as soon as we can 😊

Behaviour Expectations and Independence

- ▶ Creating the right learning environment
- ▶ Being consistent with expectations
- ▶ Praising positive behaviour
- ▶ Encouraging pupils to take ownership of their own actions and decisions
- ▶ Creating a respectful relationship
- ▶ Developing pupils' **confidence and independence**
- ▶ Be a 'positive' role model



Reading at Home

A new study –
Young children whose
parents read them five
books a day enter
kindergarten having heard
about **1.4 million more
words** than kids who were
never read to.

Children continue to learn
4,000 to 12,000 words per
year through reading.

THE MILLION WORD GAP

New research shows the different numbers of words
kids will have heard by age 5 based on how often
parents read to them:

Never read to: 4,662 words

1-2 times per week: 63,570 words

3-5 times per week: 169,520 words

Daily: 296,660 words

Five books a day: 1,483,300 words



Reading at Home

- ▶ Books at home, magazines, recipes, football programme, anything with words!
- ▶ Year 4 books (they need to be signed out)
- ▶ This is an opportunity for pupils to read with an adult present, relax with a book and boost enjoyment.
- ▶ The most important part is that no pupils lack the opportunity to read.

White Court's Reading Rewards

- ▶ Bronze certificate - 30 points
- ▶ Silver certificate - 80 points
- ▶ Gold certificate - 130 points
- ▶ Ruby certificate - 200 points
- ▶ Platinum certificate - 250 points
- ▶ Reading Champion = 300 points (please make a note of how often your child reads during the holidays)
- ▶ Children who receive a certificate will be entered into a raffle to win book vouchers (supplied by FOWC). 3 prizes per key stage.

Extra bonus points awarded for:
Reading x6 week,
Writing neatly in your book,
Recording new vocabulary,
Lots of effort or enthusiasm in class.

Parents and Carers

If you are able to come in and assist with our reading, please come and see us or write us a note. We would love to have a regular helper! 😊

Important Dates

Autumn

- 13th and 15th October - Parent/Carer Evening
- 26th November - Greek Day - Volunteers needed to support this event
- 7th December (morning) - D.T - cooking a Xmas treat - Volunteers needed
- 17th December 2:30pm - Year 4 Christmas Carol Service to parents and carers

Spring

- 23rd February - Trip to Colchester Castle (linked to the Romans' Legacy in Britain)
- 11th March - Singing Performance for parents (linked to Braintree Sings)
- 12th March - Braintree Sings Event (allocated a limited number of pupil places)
- 16th and 18th March - Spring Parent/Carer Evening

Summer

- 18th May - Parent Event linked to our D.T. project (joinery)

School Uniform

Grey skirt, pinafore, trousers, knee length shorts or culottes

Pale blue polo shirt

Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan

Pale blue gingham summer dress

White/grey/black socks

Black shoes - **no branding or coloured laces** (plain black trainers may be worn)

No open toed sandals, flip flops or boots

A simple watch (NO smart watches) and small stud earrings only

Please support us in reinforcing uniform expectations and speak to us if you need help purchasing kit.

P.E.

- ▶ P.E days are: Mondays and Thursdays
- ▶ Children come into school wearing their P.E. kit.
- ▶ Jewellery cannot be worn

Indoor

Plain white round neck, short sleeve T-shirt

Royal/Navy blue shadow stripe shorts **(NO CYCLING SHORTS)**

Black Plimsolls or a pair of white or black trainers (no bright colours)

Outdoor

A pair of white or black trainers (no bright colours)

Plain dark blue jogging bottoms (Leggings can be worn underneath but not instead of joggers)

Plain dark blue sweatshirt

Clothing should be plain (no obvious branding or stripes)

NO base layers or skins/leggings under PE indoor kit

Home time

If there are any changes to end of day arrangements, please let your child's teacher know in their Reading Record or inform the office.

We can not let anyone else pick your child up without your written permission.

FSM and Pupil Premium

- From September 2026, Free School Meals are available to all families receiving Universal Credit, but Pupil Premium funding still has separate eligibility criteria.
- If you currently receive Free School Meals, you must reapply so your eligibility can be checked under the new government rules.
- Please complete the application even if your child receives Universal Infant Free School Meals (Reception, Year 1 or Year 2), as it could provide additional funding and support for your child and our school if you qualify for Pupil Premium.
- A letter with full details has already been sent home. If you think you may be eligible or need another copy, please speak to the school office.

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