

# Shinewater Primary School and Nursery



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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Year 4! We are very excited to meet you all and greet your children back to school after a somewhat unsettling period.

## Meet the team!

Mrs Wake, who is the teacher in 4CW.  
Miss Eustace, who is the teacher in 4HE.  
Ms MacEnhill, who is the Teaching Assistant for the year group.  
Mrs Boddy, who is the year 3 and 4 phase leader.

## The importance of routine

We know that for the past five months, there probably hasn't been the same routine at home as there is at school. That's why it's really important that we get back into the swing of things as soon as possible. We have staggered starts, breaks, lunch and home times. Therefore, timekeeping is particularly important in order for the whole school running smoothly. Please ensure that you are punctual at drop off and pick ups please.

## A typical day/week

Below is how a typical day will run in year 4:

9:00 - 9:45	9:45 - 10:05	10:05 - 10:25	10:25 - 10:45	10:45 - 11:00	11:00 - 12:15	12:15 - 12:40	12:40 - 1:25	1:25 - 3:00
Maths	Assembly Stretch and Fix	Maths	Guided reading	PLAY TIME	Literacy	Spelling/ Handwriting	LUNCH TIME	Foundation subjects

Please note that computing will be taught by our specialist teacher, Mrs Boddy. The children will have PE on a Monday and Outdoor Learning on a Tuesday, and will need the



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correct kit for these lessons. These should be named. Both kits will be sent home regularly so that they can be washed to avoid potential contamination.

We recognise that this academic year is going to be very different for your children returning to school and that they (and you) may have some anxieties about work missed during lockdown. Please be assured that we will be preparing to teach both content from the end of Year 3 and our Year 4 curriculum this year.

### Homework

Last academic year, Shinewater introduced the termly 'homework menu', which set a variety of tasks related to our topics for children to choose from. We will be continuing with that this year and our homework menus will be sent home soon.

We will be sending home weekly spellings, which are taken from the year 1 / 2 curriculum list or the year 3 / 4 curriculum list. The aim is that children are familiar with these by the end of the academic year. The children will be tested on their spellings every Friday. We appreciate your support in this area.

In addition, we will expect the children to continue to learn their times tables. This is important in year 4 as we get ready to take part in the Multiplication Check at the end of the year. Reading is also important because being a good reader allows the children to better understand all their lessons. Reading records will come home soon. We would like them to come back to school every Friday so that we can see what reading the children are doing at home, we will also ask the children to change their books on a Friday. As last year, there will be rewards when the children read three times.

Please see below for some useful websites to support your child's learning at home.

### Other Admin Bits

We keep current 'hometime arrangement' lists, which are up-to-date as far as we are aware with arrangements for the end of the day for your child. If circumstances change, please do let us or the office know. We aren't able to let children go (by themselves or with an adult whose name is not on our list) unless we have your permission to do so.

A quick reminder too that each child should have a named water bottle in school with them each day. It makes a huge difference to concentration and energy levels if the children have had enough sleep, had a good breakfast in the morning and stay well-hydrated during the day.

### How to ask for help

We appreciate that this may be an unsettling time for you and your children. We'd like to reassure you that we are always happy to answer any questions you may have about your child's return. Simply, e-mail or call the office and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Best wishes,

Mrs Wake, Miss Eustace and Ms MacEnhill.

## Useful websites

### Maths:

[www.ttrockstars.com](http://www.ttrockstars.com)

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?f=BingoMultiplicationv9>

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/category/345/New-Mathematics-Curriculum>

### English:

[www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)

### Our Learning Adventure:



