



September 2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 4! It has been great seeing and getting to know the children this past week. As the children begin the year, we thought it would be useful to give a brief overview of the first term.

	1 <sup>st</sup> half term	2 <sup>nd</sup> half term
<b>Writing</b>	We are starting with looking at features of instructions and writing some of our own. Later in the term, we will be writing poems about rivers, non chronological reports about an animal with a river habitat and an explanation of the water cycle.	
<b>Reading</b>	Reading is so important as it helps children in every subject as well as increasing their vocabulary and expanding their comprehension skills. It is essential that children read regularly at home (at least 5 times per week). We encourage the children to read a wide range of material. All children will have regular reading sessions in school, but the main body of their reading practice should take place at home.	
<b>Class Novel*</b>	A Bear Called Paddington by Michael Bond	The Lion Witch and The Wardrobe by CS Lewis.
<b>Maths</b>	Review of Column addition and subtraction Numbers to 10,000 Perimeter 3,6,9 times tables Please help your child to practise their times tables at home regularly.	
<b>Science</b>	Living in Environments and Electricity	
<b>Geography</b>	Rivers and Map Skills	
<b>Art</b>	Drawing: Powerprints	
<b>Music</b>	We will be listening to, composing and performing our own Samba music.	
<b>PE</b>	Handball (outdoors) and Dance (indoors) autumn 1. Gymnastics (indoors) and Fundamentals of Movement (outdoors) autumn 2.	
<b>Computing</b>	E-safety, repetition in shapes (coding), audio editing	
<b>RE</b>	Hinduism: dharma	Christianity: Paul's conversion
<b>PSHE</b>	Citizenship	Health and Wellbeing
<b>MFL</b>	French -Revision of French Phonics and 'Presenting Myself'	'Presenting Myself'

*\*We are happy if they want to get a copy and read this themselves but please make sure they do not read ahead as it spoils it for the other children in the class.*

**Equipment**

Your child must not bring a pencil case; we will provide all writing equipment. Lunchboxes and water bottles should be named and taken home each day for regular cleaning.

## Trip

We have been busy organising a school trip to the Museum of Power - details will follow shortly.

**PE Kit:** On PE days (Wednesdays and Thursdays), children wear their sports kit to school. Tracksuit trousers (dark colours please) can be worn with their PE t-shirt and shorts underneath if chosen. Children will wear their school jumper over their PE top. They will require a change of shoes for the classroom after outdoor activities.

During the winter months, please ensure your child has a spare bag for dirty shoes and a change of trousers in case they get wet. All kits should be named (for more information on the kit, please refer to the school's website). Girls will not be allowed to wear tights to do PE, so please ensure they have some socks available.

Earrings should be removed on PE days. Pupils with verrucas will need to have plimsolls (not trainers) to be able to participate in indoor PE. Hair longer than shoulder-length must be tied back. If your child is unable to take part in PE activities, it is a requirement that you inform the teacher in writing. They should then come to school in their usual school uniform.

## **Homework**

It is important that you set homework expectations early on with your child so they can get into a manageable routine.

- Reading five times a week.
- Regular spelling and time tables practise on Spelling Shed and TTRS. We will check these periodically and celebrate progress with the children. Your child will be set spellings to learn weekly on Spelling Shed each Friday or they can practise on paper if they wish. They will be tested in class on a Friday. **(this will be set up in the next few weeks)**.
- Your child will receive a homework grid with a menu of activities based on our topics this term. Please complete as many of these activities with your child as you can. We ask that pictures of these are emailed to the year 4 email address so we can share them with the class.

**NB: Your child's login details for TTRS and EDShed remain the same as last year.**

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries. You can email us directly at [Year4@hatfieldpeverel-jun.essex.sch.uk](mailto:Year4@hatfieldpeverel-jun.essex.sch.uk) and we will aim to get back to you as soon as possible. For matters which require urgent attention, please call the school office.

We look forward to an exciting year and we thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Baker, Miss Bonich and Mrs Maginn