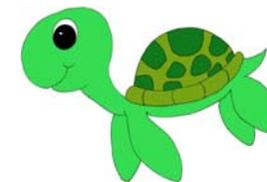


## Year 4



# Dophins and Turtles

Dear Children and Parents,

Welcome to year 4! We are really looking forward to working with you and travelling on our exciting learning adventures together.

As you are entering year 4, there will be some changes; hopefully this booklet will answer some of the questions you may have.

Miss Newton and Miss Wright

### Class organisation

Year 4 line up alongside the pond at the bottom of the ramp on the key stage 2 playground to be welcomed by the class teacher; parents can collect children at the end of the day from the same place.

All children should bring their reading book and drinks to school in a book bag or small back pack which must fit into the limited peg space in the classroom. As we provide all necessary stationery, pencil cases are not required.

Each week in Key Stage 2, the children's homework will alternate between English and maths; this will be given out on a Monday and should be handed in on or before the following Monday. On at least one occasion, the homework will be related to your child's science learning in class. In addition to this, there will be an ongoing creative project for children to complete, due on the last Monday of term, some of which will be chosen to be shared in our whole school assembly.

In addition to the homework grid, children will have weekly spellings. The spelling patterns will be taught in school as well as being practised during handwriting sessions and then sent home before being checked in lessons.

Children will be expected to learn their times tables; these will be tested regularly in school. Please practice these, all the way up to 12, at home.

We love reading in year 4! We read as often as we can during the school day. It is also very important that children read 5 times a week at home. This does not always have to be their school reading book as we welcome more inventive ways to read. Each of the 5 reads can be recorded by the children but must be signed by an adult or older sibling.

If you are looking for something exciting to read together you might be interested to know that Miss Wright's favourite children's books are Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Harry Potter, while Miss Newton enjoys non-fiction books such as autobiographies, especially "Faster Than Lightning—My Story" by Usain Bolt. You might like to read some of the books from the "Time for reading" challenge if you are looking for new ideas.

<http://www.southglos.gov.uk//documents/Children-and-young-peoples-book-list-1.pdf>

We will focus on a range of themes across the year, the first one being "Exciting Egyptians", during which we will look at the geography and history of Ancient Egypt. Some of our other themes later in the year will include "Great Greeks" and "Wicked Water". You will receive more detailed information about these themes at the start of each term.

Our PE days will be on a Tuesday and Friday. Please see the next page for details of our PE uniform. PE kit is to be worn to school on PE days.

Christ Church C of E primary School has a compulsory school uniform and expects all of its pupils to wear it for the following reasons:

- It shows that the children are all part of the same community;
- It encourages pride in the school;
- It prevents discrimination and ostentatious affluence;
- It reduces arguments at home about what to wear each day;
- It makes recognition of pupils in public places much easier therefore making the pupils safer.

### **School Uniform**

The school uniform for pupils is as follows:

- Navy blue school sweat shirt or cardigan ;
- White polo shirt or blouse;
- Black or grey trousers, skirts, shorts or pinafores – no leggings or skinny jeans;
- Black shoes or plain black trainers – all logos and trims must be black
- Blue gingham dress (Summer only)
- Dark socks or tights or plain white socks.

*School sweatshirts and cardigans can be purchased from Initially Yours.*

### **School PE Kit**

The children must also have a school PE kit. This is worn instead of uniform on the days which they have PE. This consists of the following:

- **Plain** navy blue hoodie/sweatshirt
- **Plain** T shirt in white or your child's house colour
- **Plain** navy blue tracksuit bottoms
- **Plain** navy blue or black shorts
- Plain trainers
- Earrings should be taped and nail varnish should not be worn

*School PE kit with logo can be purchased from Initially Yours.*