



PRIDE IN EXCELLENCE

WELCOME TO YEAR 4

Thursday 14th September 2023

YEAR GROUP TEAM

Teachers

- Head of Year 4 - Miss Baldwin (4B)
- Mrs Hayter (4H)
- Mr O'Connor (4O'C)

Teaching assistants

- Mrs Horgan
- Miss Page

COMMUNICATION

- Face to face communication is our preferred method.
- Class teachers are available at the start and end of every day if you need to hand over any information.
- Speak to the class teacher first if any issues arise.
- If you need to discuss anything related to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, arrange an appointment through the main office to meet with Mrs Forde.
- Should you wish to meet with Mr Griffin or Miss Ellery, arrange an appointment through the main office.
- schooloffice@purleyoaks.croydon.sch.uk

WEDUC

Please make sure you download the WEDUC App.

You will find a range of information regarding your child/children's learning

- 1) Visit information
- 2) Consent forms
- 3) Dinner menus
- 4) Clubs

<https://app.weduc.co.uk/>

If you have any issues with accessing the app, please go to the main office staff there will help.



ATTENDANCE

- Children are expected to be in school every day and on time.
- Data from 2019 shows that 84% of Key Stage 2 pupils who had 100% attendance achieved the expected standard, compared to 40% of pupils who were persistently absent across the key stage.
- Attendance below 96% has a negative impact on learning.

ONLINE SAFETY

- The school planner has good information on acceptable use of devices.
- At school, we will be having lessons throughout the year about how to stay safe online. We call it e-safety.
- It is important to be vigilant at home and check what your child is accessing.
- Our behavior expectations remain regardless of where the children are. Any incidents of cyber bullying reported to the school will be dealt with in line with our policy.

ANNUAL OVERVIEW

- <https://www.purleyoaks.croydon.sch.uk/>
- Year 4 overview:
<https://www.purleyoaks.croydon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Year-4-Annual-Overview.pdf>
- English medium term plan
<https://www.purleyoaks.croydon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Year-4-Writing.pdf>
- Maths medium term plan
<https://www.purleyoaks.croydon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Year-4-maths-learning-objectives.pdf>

KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS



Key Question: Why were the Romans so powerful?
What was it like to live under Roman occupation?



History Vocabulary

Britannia	the ancient Roman name of the island of Great Britain, especially the Southern part
Celts	people who lived in pre-Roman times in Great Britain
colosseum	an amphitheatre. This was a place where sporting events and entertainment were shown
conquered	to overcome and take control of (a place or people) by military force
emperor	an emperor is a man who rules an empire or is the head of state in an empire
empire	a group of places or people under one ruler
Picts	the name the Romans called people living in most of Scotland
soldier	a soldier is a member of the military who fights for the country



In this topic, **we are learning to:**

- We are learning to place events on a timeline showing periods of time.
- Communicate knowledge and understanding orally and in writing and offer points of view based upon what we have found out about an event from the past.
- Investigate how the Romans successfully conquered Britain.
- Explore why the Roman Army was so powerful.
- Recognise that the lives of wealthy people were very different from those of poor people.

Date

43CE-410 CE
 55 BCE and 54 BCE
 43 CE
 61 CE
 122 CE
 380 CE
 450 CE

Key Events

Roman Empire
 Julius Caesar attempts
 Claudius conquered Britain
 Boudicca rebellion
 Hadrian's wall
 Christianity official religion
 Anglo Saxons

KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS

- Coastal Areas Knowledge Organiser-
<https://www.purleyoaks.croydon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Year-2-Do-We-All-Love-to-be-Beside-the-Seaside-Geography-Knowledge-Organiser.pdf>
 - Anglo Saxons Knowledge Organiser-
<https://www.purleyoaks.croydon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Year-4-Anglo-Saxons-History-Knowledge-Organiser.pdf>
 - Italy Knowledge Organiser-
<https://www.purleyoaks.croydon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Year-4-Italy-Geography-Knowledge-Organiser.pdf>
- Natural Disasters Knowledge Organiser
<https://www.purleyoaks.croydon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Year-4-Natural-Disasters-Geography-Knowledge-Organiser.pdf>

ACCELERATED READER

- We are starting a new reading programme across the school.
- All children will be taking a Star Reader test which will give them a book level and colour.
- Children will then select books at this level to bring home in addition to their book from the LRC. These books are 'real books' rather than from a scheme for example they could be 'The Gruffalo' or 'Matilda' depending on the level of the child. There are 180,000 books on the programme so lots of choice.
- Once they have read the book they will then complete an online quiz to show how much they have understood before selecting a new book. They should score 80% and above on the quiz if they have read the book and selected a book at the right level.
- More information will be sent out to parents explaining exactly how the programme works.
- Children will be expected to be changing books every 2-3 weeks depending on their level. They should read at home every night for 20 minutes.

YEAR 4 HIGHLIGHTS- YOUNG VOICES-MONDAY 15TH JANUARY 2024

The concert is free and held at The 02 Arena in Greenwich. Pupils leave school at around 12pm and are taken by coach to the arena.

They spend the afternoon practicing and the concert begins at 7.00pm and ends at 8.45pm. The children are then taken by coach back to Purley Oaks at around 10.00pm.



YOUNG VOICES-MONDAY 15TH JANUARY 2024

- Parent tickets are available to order off the WEDUC app for £25 each and there is no limit to how many tickets you can get.
- T-shirts and torches are also available to order off the WEDUC app.
- You do not have to purchase these but your child will need to bring in a plain, white t-shirt.
- Final date for ordering parent tickets and t-shirts is Friday 6th October 2023.



HOW TO ORDER THE TICKETS AND GIVE CONSENT

If you have any questions, please see your child's class teacher.



YEAR 4 HIGHLIGHTS- SWIMMING

All schools must provide swimming instruction either in key stage 1 or key stage 2.

In particular, pupils should be taught to:

swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
use a range of strokes effectively [for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke].

National curriculum in England: physical education programmes of study

YEAR 4 HIGHLIGHTS- SWIMMING

4B- 11th March 2024-22nd March 2024

4H- 15th April 2024-26th April 2024

4O'C-13th May 2024-24th May 2024



- Year 4 will be going to the Waddon Pool Leisure centre to swim.
- Your child will need to bring a swimsuit, towel and a swimming hat (if they have long hair) into school.
- We will have lunch at school before leaving at 12:15pm for our lesson.
- We then arrive back at school at 3pm.

YEAR 4 HIGHLIGHTS - AUTUMN

Autumn 1

- History**→**Why were the Romans so powerful?**
- Roman Day Friday 22nd September (Go on WEDUC to pay and give consent.)
- Parents' afternoon - History/Art lesson 1:30pm-2:45pm

Autumn 2

- Design and Technology**→**How can we make our pages pop?**
- We read our stories to year 1 children!

YEAR 4 HIGHLIGHTS - SPRING

Spring 1

- Geography→Why do people visit Italy?
- Young Voices performing to parents TBC

Spring 2

- Geography→What makes the Earth so angry?
- Natural History Museum TBC
- Swimming for 4B
- Parents' afternoon- PE

YEAR HIGHLIGHT-SUMMER

Summer 1

- History→Who were friends and foes to the Anglo-Saxons?
- Swimming for 4H and 4O'C

Summer 2

- Design Technology→Are you as fast as Lewis Hamilton?
- Year 4 multiplication tables check

PLANNERS

Planners are a great source of information for parents and students.

Planners need to be in school every day.

Planners will be checked once a week.

HOMework

Reading

Every child should be reading every day. They are responsible for ensuring that they record their reading daily.

Every week their class teacher will assign a task for them to complete regarding their chosen book.

Spelling

Children will be given a spelling rule and a collection of words that follow the pattern. Children will access examples of the rules on Google Classroom. There will then be a spelling test on Friday in their planners.

HOMework

Maths

Children will be given a times table to practise ready for a test on Friday in their planners. Children should be using Times Table Rockstars, there is a competition each week for the best performing class (their log in details are in their planners.)

Extra

Children should count in multiples of 6, 7, 9, 25 and 100; find 100 more or less than a given number; recall all times tables facts and associated division facts up to 10×10 .

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

Daily 10- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10>

Busythings- <https://www.busythings.co.uk/>

PE

- 4B- Wednesday and Thursday
 - 4H- Monday and Thursday
 - 4O'C- Tuesday and Friday
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- **CHILDREN SHOULD WEAR THEIR PE KIT TO SCHOOL ON THE DAYS THEY HAVE PE AND REMAIN IN THE KIT.**

PE KIT

- Blue shorts (MAPAC)
- Blue PE t-shirt with logo (MAPAC)
- School Jumper/ Cardigan
- Blue jogging bottoms - optional for outdoor PE
- Plimsolls or trainers

UNIFORM

- Children are expected to wear black school shoes daily (other than for PE days).
- Long hair should be tied back.
- Only acceptable jewellery is small studded earrings.
- Please put your child's name on all items of clothing.
- If you have any issues, please speak to your class teacher.

CLUBS

- Sign up for these on WeDuc
- They cost £1 per session
- There will be a mixture of clubs; sport, academic, baking and music
- Clubs which are invitation only will be communicated separately

Thank you for listening. Do you have any questions?