



Moving Into Year 4

Transition Booklet: Courtwood Primary School

Your class Teaching Assistant is Miss Waller.

About Your Class



Your teacher will be Miss Boucly. Miss Boucly is a new teacher to Courtwood and is looking forward to meeting you all and teaching you in Year 4. (You may remember her from teaching Year 5 for a little while this year.)

A message from Miss Boucly:

Well done for all the effort you have put into year 3 and home learning. I hope you are as excited as I am to go back to school and I am looking forward to meeting you in September for an amazing year full of learning and new discoveries.

Don't forget to read through all the information in this booklet to make sure you are ready for the first day of school.

I wish you an amazing summer,
Miss Boucly



The other adults in your classroom are:

Mrs Drury and

Mrs Adamson



What you will need ready for Year 4

School Uniform

Please ensure all items are named.
Hair accessories must be in uniform colours. Long hair must be tied back.



PE Kit

Consisting of:

Plain black shorts

White, round neck T-shirt with the school logo

Plain black or white trainers

Green school jumper or cardigan

Plain black leggings or jogging bottoms (for winter)

No earrings, they must be removed or covered with a plaster. Staff are not allowed to remove earrings.

Water Bottle



Please provide a plastic water bottle with your child's name on it. We encourage children to have this with them and we can refill it at school. Only water is allowed, no additives please. You may also order cartons of milk for playtime.



Book Bag

This should be in school each day. Please check it each evening for hard copies of any letters (most will be sent via email.) You could miss valuable information if you don't.



Yourself!

You are the most important thing to bring to school each day! Being here on time and with a smile on your face, ready to learn, will mean you will make a super start in to Year 4.

The Year 4 Curriculum

The Courtwood Curriculum Intent and Offer

Pupils learn the knowledge and skills required of them to be academically successful, building on their individual starting points

Pupils value diversity and demonstrate tolerance, compassion and mutual respect to all members of the school and wider community, whilst developing the life-skills needed to unlock their potential

Pupils will develop, practice and apply a range of behaviours which equip them to be successful learners now and in the future

Pupils build their confidence, self-esteem and resilience, developing strategies which enable them to effectively safeguard their well-being

Pupils understand and take responsibility for their influence in living healthy lifestyles, and supporting the planet to be sustainable, both now and in the future

Pupils have an awareness of their own impact on their future and how they can contribute positively to wider society

Pupils access experiences and opportunities which develop aspirations and broaden the horizons of life-long learning

Reading (and Phonics)

Children will have a daily reading lesson and may have a phonics session if required. We follow the Letters and Sounds phonic scheme. Reading (decoding, fluency and comprehension) is taught linked to writing, and ensures children are able to practice skills regularly.

We strongly encourage children to hear and share stories at home daily.

Our '9 Before 9 Reading Challenge' supports children to acquire new knowledge about topics they will learn about in their next class, supporting children to know more and remember more.

Writing

Our writing lessons follow our reading lessons, so children can apply what they have learnt into their own writing. Children are immersed in a high-quality whole-class text, which is used as a stimulus to create purposeful writing opportunities.

Children are encouraged to explore writer's techniques, use of vocabulary and intent in their own writing, using the books from their reading lessons as models.

We use Spelling Shed to teach spelling rules and grammatical concepts, in line with the National Curriculum expectations.

Maths

We follow the White Rose scheme of work, which fully supports all National Curriculum objectives. Mathematical vocabulary, problem-solving and fluency skills, such as number bonds and times tables, are rehearsed regularly to support mastery. Children develop arithmetic skills and are supported to be able to meet end of year group expectations, through using concrete resources and mental models.

Pre-Teach

New concepts, vocabulary and methods are taught to children in smaller groups, prior to whole-class teaching, if teachers feel this will encourage independence, over-learning and confidence during class sessions.



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Art

Children develop drawing skills in still life, painting and colour understanding through the topic 'Iconic Figures' and extend their understanding of world art with a focus on 'India.'

PE

PE coaches deliver one lesson a week, with class teachers delivering the other, via The PE Hub scheme. Children learn dance, gymnastics and other units designed to develop progression of skills such as 'run-jump-throw.'

MFL

French is taught to Key Stage 2 children, throughout Y3 - Y6.

History

Children will learn about ancient Greece and the Romans. Lessons are planned to develop children's conceptual understanding of ideas such as chronology, cause, change and historical interpretation. Work in English may also be linked to history topics, to develop authentic cross-curricular links and understanding.

Computing

Children begin to learn the basics of computer science and how to become digitally literate. They learn how to use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly.

Science

Children will develop their scientific enquiry skills, alongside learning about states of matter, electricity, sound and animals including humans. Scientific vocabulary is developed throughout all lessons and children learn how science is used in everyday life. They also learn about key scientists who have influenced our world.

Geography

Children will learn about aspects of human and physical geography, as well as experience fieldwork, and develop their place and locational knowledge. They will use developing geographical vocabulary and develop skills such as map reading.

DT

Children will learn how to design, make and evaluate a range of products and develop their understanding of technical language. Cooking and nutrition is also taught.

PSHE/RSE

Children learn about positive relationships, including with family and friends, and about their physical health and mental wellbeing.

RE

We follow the Croydon SACRE scheme. RE develops children's knowledge and understanding of the religions and beliefs which form part of contemporary society.

Music

Children will learn to listen to and begin to play more complex music, learn simple musical terms and notation and develop an enjoyment of music and performance.

Our wider curriculum is structured to ensure that all children receive a broad and balanced curriculum offer, which supports them to know more and remember more. Topics, lessons and activities are focused to ensure learning is incremental and has clear end points so children can build their learning step-by-step. Content taught is returned to at spaced intervals, allowing children the opportunity to retrieve information, make links to prior learning and strengthen their long-term memory. Knowledge Organisers are used to support key topic learning, with vocabulary development an important part of this.

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As well as the traditional National Curriculum subjects, children at Courtwood will experience:

Forest School

Children in Year 4 have a curriculum led session half termly linked to topic learning, led by our specialist Forest School leaders, in our Wise Owl Woods. Children are able to play, explore, observe and learn in the woods, whilst developing new skills including physical coordination and communication.

Edible Playground

Children are able to learn the basics of planting seeds, caring for their crop and harvesting it, in their class raised bed in our Edible Playground. Children learn how to safely use simple tools and basic vocabulary related to gardening and outdoors.

Trips and Visits

Children will go to Crofton Roman Villa to complement learning in history. They will take part in a workshop at school, related to topic learning (all visits are currently cancelled due to Covid-19)

Nurture

Any child at Courtwood, who may be in need of some nurture support, will be offered it as part of our on-going inclusive provision. Parents will be consulted with, prior to a child beginning any formal nurture support.

Assemblies

Assemblies are daily and support pupil's wider understanding of the world, our school and wider community, as well as expectations of them as Courtwood ambassadors. They are also used as celebrations to reward positive behaviour, effort and attainment.

Clubs

Children can choose from a variety of clubs, which run either before or after school. A timetable is sent home half-termly (we are currently unable to offer clubs due to Covid-19)



Celebrating Success

We use our Courtwood Rights and Responsibilities as a way for all the children in the school to understand the school rules. The principle is that children understand that they have a right to certain things, but with that right comes a responsibility to behave in certain ways. Our rights are:

- A right to learn
 - A right to be safe
 - A right to be treated fairly
 - A right to be happy
 - A right to be listened to
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The RIPPLE effect is a set of six learning behaviours that we believe will enable the children to do the best they can in their learning, whilst at Courtwood. They are:

- R – Resilience
- I – Independence
- P – Perseverance
- P – Practise
- L – Listening
- E – Effort

Merits – 5 or 6 awarded weekly in Friday assembly to celebrate good work, behaviour, kindness etc

Behaviour Stars – one child is chosen per class each week, as a role model for good behaviour

Team Points – awarded to children throughout the week by staff, which contribute to overall weekly team winners

Wise Owls – awarded to two children each half term for all round effort, hard work or personal progress

Celebrating Success

Children at Courtwood are friendly, hard-working, confident and well-behaved. We celebrate success and like to reward positive behaviour. We use the following ways to do this:

Attendance Awards – awarded termly for attendance of 95% or more

RIPPLE Award – certificate awarded termly to a child who has positively demonstrated one of the learning behaviours

Golden Book Certificate – awarded by the Principal or Deputy Headteacher for outstanding work

Individual Class Reward Systems – teachers may set up their own behaviour reward system within class to encourage positive learning behaviours