

## Welcome to Year 4:

### Class teachers:

Mrs Collins and Mrs Fraser

Miss Mongiovi

Miss Clark

Elm Class

Oak Class

Spruce Class

### Teaching Assistants:

Mrs Najeib

Miss Devane

Miss Martin

Mrs Stuckey

Miss Taylor

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You can write messages to the teacher if you need to

### Homework Diaries

record reads

Please sign your child's diary weekly

Diaries will be  
checked daily for  
notes and weekly  
for number of reads

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### Homework Diaries

- Reading should be recorded by an adult at least 5 times a week
- Homework diaries will be checked once a week to ensure every child is reading.

However, we will not be counting these reads towards a Reading Reward.

Reading Record	
Date, book and the page you read to	Comments
Body Parts	enjoyed reading this
Makinda	he has been reading this at home and loves it!!
13.9.21 Hamster Rampage	liked when the hamster grows really big and uses on the London eye!
14.9.2021 Troubling the rocks	I read characters of this book
15.9.2021 Trouble in the Rocks	has read this book well and it is all finished.
16.9.2021 The Magnificent Mummies	I liked this book so much
Tricky words, or new words I have learned	

### Reading at Holy Trinity in 2021-2022



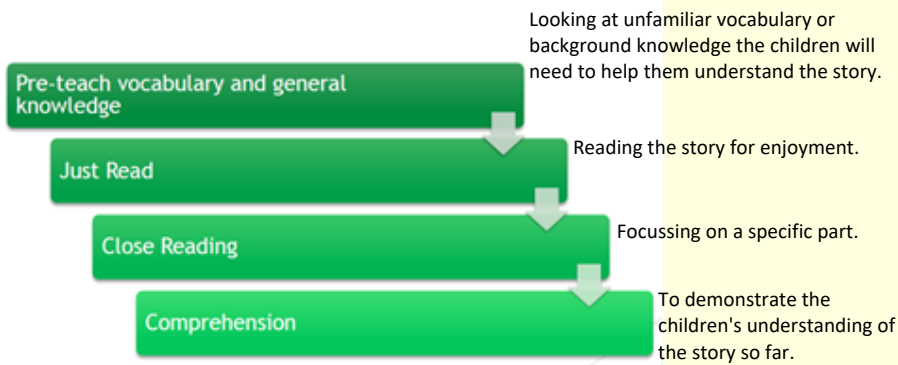
#### **Whole Class Reading:**

During the week, the children will work on a variety of tasks designed to deepen their understanding and comprehension of the book.

The children really enjoy exploring these books, learning new vocabulary, reflecting on the stories and using them to inspire their writing.

During the week, we will work through the following sessions in WCR lessons.

### FOUR PART METHOD



Children are taught to retrieve previous taught knowledge (e.g. vocabulary words) and then to use that knowledge in the future.

### Renaissance Reading

This year, we are using a new online platform called Renaissance Reading to better help us address the individual reading needs of each child.

This platform helps us to **assess** each child's reading ability, provides **guidance** for their choice of books and allows us to **track** how well they are understanding what they are reading.

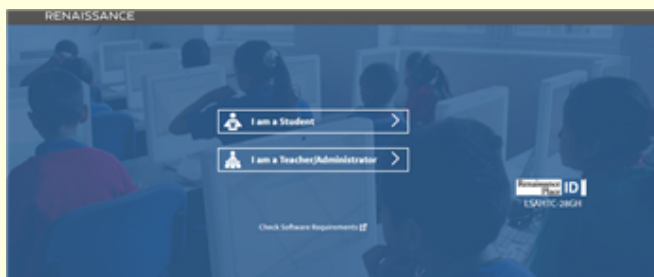
Once every half term, each child will complete an **online reading assessment** (called Star Reader).

From this, each child will be given a numerical range - for example 3.3-4.5.

Children will **choose a book** that falls within their range from the class or year group book area.

When they have finished reading the book, your child will need to complete an **online quiz** about its content. Initially, this will be completed in school, but eventually they will be able to complete these quizzes at home using their chrome books. Ideally, the quiz should be completed with 24 hours of finishing the book. This is purely so the children can remember as much as possible about what they have read.

These quizzes will support teachers in assessing how well your child is **understanding** what they are reading and allow us to put **interventions** in where needed to boost the progress of your child.



Children must use the link posted on the Google Classroom

### What about books from home?

We are more than happy for children to continue to read their own books - in fact, we encourage it.

The majority of children's books are on the system and your child's class teacher or teaching assistant will be able to check its level to see if it fits their range.

If a book is outside their range, or isn't on the system, we will ask the child to choose a 'school' book to read alongside their other book.

Using this online platform is a learning curve for both staff and children so please bear with us this term whilst we overcome any issues we may encounter in its implementation.

AimsHomework

- > Homework will enable parents/carers, children and the school to work in partnership.
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- > Parents will become more knowledgeable about the school curriculum.
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- > Parents will have a clear understanding of age appropriate learning expectations and of their children's progress.

Homework Expectations

Maths	30 minutes a week
Spelling	30 minutes a week
Foundation	30 minutes a week
Reading	10 minutes a day, 5 times a week
Spellzone	10 minutes a week
Times Table Rock Stars	

Chrome Books

- Needed in school everyday
- Needed for core study skills as well as online homework
- Children are responsible for charging them
- Children who are not able to take a chrome book home and do not have a device at home, will be expected to complete online homework on a Friday during part of their lunch time



### Google Classroom

#### Elm

Class code: pnmfugu

Meet link: <https://meet.google.com/lookup/g3hpyhu4>

Upcoming

Due Friday 5:00 PM - Spelling - Hom...

5:00 PM - Math's homew...

View all

Announce something to your class

Mrs Collins posted a new material: Reading link

Stream

Classwork

People

Grades

+ Create

Google Calendar

Class Drive folder

All topics

Maths homework - ...

Spelling homework - ...

Math Homework - A...

Spelling Homework ...

Autumn 1 - Week 3

Autumn 1 - Week 2

Reading link

Posted 3:53 PM

Maths homework - Autumn 1 - Week 4

Math's homework

Due Oct 1, 5:00 PM

Spelling homework - Autumn 1 - Week 4

Spelling - Homophones and near homophon...

Due Oct 1, 5:00 PM

### Spelling homework example

Set on Monday Due in Friday

Look, cover, write, check

Choosing words and putting each of them into a sentence with a grammar focus.

know know know know know ✓

meat meat meat meat meat ✓

meet meet meet meet meet ✓

been been been been been ✓

been been been been been ✓

by by by by by by ✓

1. I had to go and ~~eat~~ so I stopped my homework.

2. A airplane flies in the air ~~but~~ so it lands.

3. You are ~~bad~~ but today you were good.


4. I ~~grow~~ eat lots of vegetables I can eat them.

5. I went around new york so I could see everything that was there.

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## Spellzone

 <https://www.spellzone.com/what-is-spellzone.cfm>

- > Teaches all English spelling rules and includes:
  - « Basic concepts such as vowels, consonants, syllables, prefixes and suffixes.
  - « Teaching text includes definitions, sentence context and learning tips.
- > Interactive spelling tests to check understanding.
- > Results seen instantly with 'traffic lights' code to keep learning on track.

**Children should spend 10 mins a week on Spellzone**

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- > Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check - one of the best ways to learn spellings.
- > Listen and Spell - test learning using audio.
- > Spelling games - a fun way to reinforce learning.
- > Printable worksheets - for off-line activities and study.

### Spelling Ability Test

- > Measures spelling ability.
- > Provides a baseline 'Spellzone Score'.
- > Creates a personal 'Course Pathway'.
- > Automatically retests and updates according to new learning.

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Doodle Maths

Set on Monday Due following Monday



A weekly homework activity will be set for your child. They can also complete a daily task.

A challenge task will be set on Google Classroom which will be optional.

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Times Table Rock Stars

- It improves times table recall speed.
- Incorrect answers are always immediately corrected in front of the pupil so that they start to associate the correct answer to every question.
- It will also ask related division questions 20% of the time in order to reinforce division facts.
- Children can see their progress and are rewarded with virtual coins.

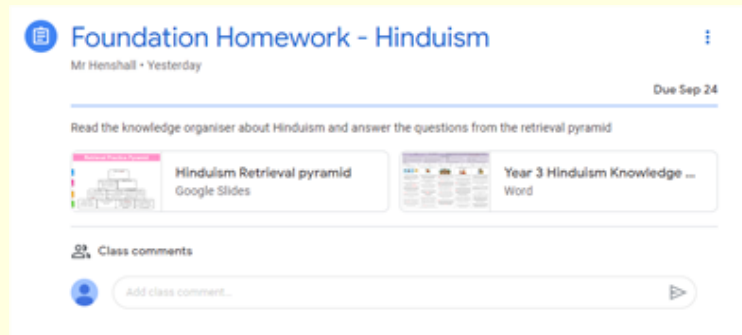


Spend at least 10 minutes a week on TTRS

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## Foundation Homework and Kahoots

Next half term, Year 4 will be set foundation homework every 2 weeks to retrieve what they have previously learnt. This will be put onto Google Classroom.



Set on Friday

Due following Friday

Year 4		Autumn 1		Judaism – Why are they having a Jewish party?	
beliefs, teachings and sources		practices and ways of life		forms of expression	
Key Vocabulary					
Judaism - The religion of Jewish people.	Jew - A person belonging to the worldwide religion of Judaism.	Synagogue - A building where Jewish people meet to worship or study their religion.	<u><b>Festival</b> - A day or time of year when people celebrate a special event.</u>		
<u><b>celebrate</b> - A joyful occasion for special festivities to mark some happy event.</u>	<u><b>remember</b> - If you remember people or events from the past, you still have an idea of them in your mind and you are able to think about them.</u>	Rosh Hashanah The Festival celebrating the Jewish New Year.	<b>shofar</b> - A ram's horn sounded in the synagogue.		
<u><b>Shanah Tovah</b> - It is said during the festival of Rosh Hashanah and means 'Good year'.</u>	<b>Sukkot</b> - A Jewish festival celebrating the sheltering of the Israelites in the wilderness.	<b>Purim</b> - A festival to remember the Jewish people living in Persia who were saved by the courage of a young Jewish woman called Esther.	<b>sukkah</b> - a temporary home that Jewish people build during the festival of Sukkot		
Statutory Words	believe	important	surprise	special remember	<u><b>menorah</b> - seven-branch candelstick lit during Hanukkah</u>
<b>What is Rosh Hashanah?</b>		<b>Why Are Jews Remembering At Their Festival of Sukkot?</b>		<b>What Are Jews Celebrating At Their Festival of Hanukkah?</b>	
					
Did you know?		Did you know?		Did you know?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year which is celebrated during early autumn.</li><li>- It is a time to think about the way they behave and what they have been like during the last year. They also think about ways to be a better person.</li><li>- The shofar is blown in the synagogue.</li><li>- There are special foods for Rosh Hashanah. Apples and bread dipped in honey represents a sweet new year to come. Challah bread is often baked into round creations to symbolise the circle of life.</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Jewish people remember their ancestors who escaped from slavery in ancient Egypt and were on their way to a land of their own - Israel. They had to cross the wilderness and their journey took 40 years.</li><li>- The festival of Sukkot dates back 3000 years.</li><li>- Jewish people build a sukkah to live in to feel what it might have been like for their ancestors.</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The festival of Hanukkah falls in winter and lasts for 8 days.</li><li>- Jewish people remember a story that happened almost 2200 years ago when ancient Syrians wanted the Jews to give up their religion but the Maccabees (a group of Jewish people) fought back.</li><li>- The main celebration is lighting candles or oil lamps every evening.</li><li>- This festival is about standing up for yourself, your people and your religion.</li></ul>	
				<b>Why Are They Having a Jewish Festival called Purim?</b>	
					
				Did you know?	
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Purim is celebrated in March.</li><li>- Jewish people remember the story of Esther, the Jewish woman who married the king of Persia a long time ago. When all the Jews were going to be killed, she acted in a clever and courageous way to save them.</li><li>- Haman plotted to kill the Jews of Persia.</li><li>- The story of Esther is read aloud in the synagogue from a special scroll.</li></ul>	



### Reminders

**School uniform.**

**PE days** - children come to school in PE kit

Oak - Monday and Friday

Spruce - Tuesday and Thursday

Elm - Monday and Tuesday

**Loose Change Challenge!**

### Communication

- We are always happy to discuss any issues that may arise. This can be a few minutes after school. It may be that the issue requires longer than a few minutes in which case we will arrange an appointment at a mutually convenient time.
- Homework diaries are also a good way for us to communicate. Please remind your child to show us your note!

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