

Puffins Weekly Overview 2024

Term 1 Week 1

What a great start to Year 4. It has been a pleasure to get to know all the children better and everyone has made such a great effort!

See below for notes on 'Meet the Teacher'

Friday, 6 th September	This week we have been learning about ...
English	<p>We have chosen library books to read for pleasure and settled down to quiet reading sessions after lunch. We are enjoying 'A Mummy Ate My Homework' by Thiago de Moraes</p> <p>Writing focus: Facts about Puffins, class prayers, poems</p> <p>Grammar focus: capital letters for sentences and proper nouns</p> <p>Spelling focus: personal spellings and class tricky words</p> <p>Handwriting focus: curly caterpillar letters</p>
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Cooperating in partner games ★ 'seeing squares' finding possible solutions problem solving ★ Using 'put the number in your head' and count on or back to solve addition and subtraction facts up to 20 ★ Using place value counters and base ten to make HTO numbers
Other Curriculum Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PSHE – Class principles: listening, kindness and respect. ● History - When was the ancient Egyptian civilisation? ● ART – Drawing puffins ● PE – 'Real PE' (new skills-based curriculum) with Miss Brice
News and reminders	<p>Homework: Daily reading and revise all your number bonds up to 20 – Numbots can help you with this.</p> <p>Logins for all websites/apps have been sent out on paper and are also stuck into the front of your new Reading Records. Please send these into school every day, as we will use them in school too. Thank you.</p> <p>Advance warning - I have set 2 MyMaths tasks related to our topic of Place value which will be accessible in a week's time. If you would like to look at any of the Year 4 lessons in advance, this might be very helpful as we move quickly onto thousands and ten thousands in class!</p> <p>Cornets will now start on Monday 18th September.</p> <p>Spelling Shed spellings begin next week.</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">See below for notes on 'Meet the Teacher'</p> <p>PE – Please bring kit for swimming with Mrs Collins on Tuesday and Tag Rugby with Miss Brice on Thursday.</p>

Puffins Meet the Teacher notes

What does my child need each day?

- **Packed lunch / school dinner ordered**
- **Coat** (we will go outside every day, even if it is raining)
- **Water bottle**
- **Snack** (fruit or vegetables)
- **Reading book and reading record** (this can be a school library book)
- **Wellies** or change of shoes (these can be stored in school)

To protect clothes you may want to send an old shirt or **overall for Art** – this could be stored in a bag in their locker.

- **Headphones** to keep in their tray or a box in the cupboard and use when we are listening to or creating music or audio on the laptops or iPads (these do not need to be fancy, but it is really helpful for them to be labelled with their name)

No resources are needed – all pens and pencils, rulers etc are provided by school. However, if they do want to bring pencil cases in, these need to fit in their drawer, or go home each night. Thank you.

- **Settled in to KS2 now** - we will support them in being increasingly independent
- **Busy curriculum** – see **weekly overviews** for key learning, events and notices
- **Help** by being organised and on time
- **Reading** is key: the most important thing we can do in school and at home! Hear them read and read to them, taking the opportunity to enjoy and discuss new vocabulary. Support us in keeping your reading record up to date and celebrating their achievement of house points.
- **Maths Homework – Numbots** for September please. Number bonds are very important and can get neglected with the focus on times tables. We will renew efforts with tables facts once we begin our multiplication topic in October. TTRockstars will then be used weekly in school. Times tables will initially be revising 2,5,10,3,4,8x and then starting on 6,9,7,11 and 12x! Y4 **National Multiplication Tables Check** week is June 2nd – 6th 2024 - please don't book holidays! Some **MyMaths** homeworks will be set throughout the year – they will really help consolidate learning.
- **Cornet lessons** - 20 free 'Music Plus' lessons with Stefan Hughes on Monday afternoons - please embrace this opportunity!
- **Online logins** for Seesaw, Mymaths, TTRockstars and Spelling Shed sent out
- **Communications** – we have the school office, website, Seesaw, email and parent text system
- **Issues** – contact **teacher first** via office, or email
- **PE kits** Tuesday and Thursday, **swimming** Tuesday. No earrings to be worn.
- **Name** uniform and sports kits fully please. New blue T-shirt optional.
- **Behaviour** – good behaviour is rewarded. I will contact you if we have any problems.
- **Healthy** lunchboxes. Water and a fruit/veg snack please.
- **Illness** – let us know, extra caution for Covid symptoms
- **Inform us** if your child is being collected by someone else / going to BASC / club
- **Keep vigilant with online safety** – be nosey! Check up regularly, set boundaries, **educate** don't punish!



