

Dear Y4 Parents and Carers,

We are very pleased to welcome your children back to school and we look forward to sharing the next steps on their learning journey at The Ellis with them.

Below is information which we hope will be helpful to you.

PE

Our PE days are **Wednesday** (indoor) and **Thursday** (outdoor). We recommend that children bring their PE kit (white top and black short/joggers) into school on Monday and take it home on Friday.

Outdoor learning

There is no such thing as bad weather, only inappropriate clothing! At The Ellis we love to learn outside and in Y4 we will be using our outdoor classroom and wider school environment as much as possible. This means that your child will need appropriate footwear and coats every day. Indoor pumps will be needed in school to protect our classrooms from the inevitable mud!

Reading Books

Your child will bring home a reading book to enjoy and share with you at home. They can also read books or other reading materials of their choosing at home. Please record in their reading diary when they have read to an adult or maybe an older sibling. We ask that reading diaries are in your child's book bag every day. If reading diaries are filled then we will send home a second diary free of charge, however if it is lost then we ask that a new one is bought from the office at the cost of £1. **Your child is welcome to change their book any day of the week when they have completed it however, it is their responsibility to ensure books are changed regularly.** Children should aim to read at home at least 3 times per week and reading raffle tickets will be awarded for reading. If your child has an author that they would like to suggest for our shelves please let Miss Bradbury know! We are always looking for new and exciting books to add.

Spelling books

The children will be bringing home spelling books. They will write in their new spellings on a Tuesday and bring their book home to practise. Please support your child in learning their spellings. They will be regularly assessed in their spellings. Their spelling books need to be in school every Tuesday.

Homework

The children will be set weekly learning tasks on a learning platform called Mirodo. This web-based learning will be designed to consolidate the learning they are doing in school. **They will have one English based task which will be set on a Thursday.** They can also use the website to access other tasks which will support their learning.

The children have also received a **10 minute Times Tables workout booklet to be completed each week and brought into school on Friday.** The children are able to track the activities that they have done and we will mark them in school so there is no need to mark at home.

Children are encouraged to practise their spellings and time tables online regularly. As a school we have subscribed to websites to support the children with their learning. Seesaw will be used in school regularly and may be used for learning at home if the need arises. They have been given their individual logins for Mirodo, Seesaw, TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed (they are stapled in the back of their reading diaries). Please support your child with their learning on these platforms.

You can find The Magnolias on Twitter (now known as X) @TheEllis_Y4. We use X to share the learning we are doing at school, celebrate achievements and give information.

Spring 2 learning overview

English

We will start the half term by reading 'Odd and the Frost Giants' by Neil Gaiman. We will be reading 'Pugs of the Frozen North' by Sarah McIntyre and Phillip Reeve in our VIPERS lessons.

Maths

We will be learning about Fractions and begin introducing Decimals. Our Friday lesson, will now become an alternate arithmetic/times tables lesson each week. We are so proud of the number of children who have made excellent progress in learning their times tables!

Science

Our Science learning will focus on Animals including Humans this half term. We will learn about teeth, the human digestive system and different types of diets.

Geography

In Geography, we will be exploring the question 'How can we live more sustainably?'. Children will be developing an understanding of what sustainability is and how we can live sustainably.

Re

In RE, we will be exploring the question 'Is forgiveness always possible for Christians?'.

PE

Our indoor lesson will be Fitness and our outdoor lesson will be Handball.

DT

In DT, we will be creating our own slingshot car using lollipop sticks, a paper clip and an elastic band!

Computing

We will be learning about photo editing. We will explore cropping, rotation, contrast and brightness.

French

We will be learning about clothes and getting dressed in France.

Music

We will be learning about adapting and changing motifs in Music whilst learning to sing a song about the Romans.

PSHE

We will be looking at A world without judgement.

Kind Regards

Miss Bradbury and the Y4 Team