



Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome to Terms 1 and 2 at Borough Green Primary School.

We are so excited to share our Term 1 and 2 plans for Year 3 and 4 with you. We are looking forward to what is going to be another exciting year.

The Curriculum in Term 1

Our first topic this year is titled 'Invasion'. This topic will run throughout Terms 1 and 2 and will focus on aspects of History, Science, Geography, Art and DT. Our English and Reading lessons will link to History, while Maths, RE, PE, Computing, Music, PSHE, Music and Spanish will be taught discretely.

'Invasion' is an exciting history-led topic. Children will learn about the time of the Anglo-Saxons, Vikings and Normans. We will cover some map work through our geography lessons, weaving in Art and healthy eating in DT. In Science, we will cover the topics of 'Sound' and 'Food and the Digestive System'.

You will shortly find Knowledge Organisers for this topic on the school website. Please do read these and discuss them with your child both before and during the topic. The Knowledge Organisers contain the key knowledge and vocabulary we expect children to know by the end of the topic and in school we refer to these during and after their learning to assess what children know and can retain.

Parental involvement: reading, spelling and times tables

We will no longer be sending home reading records for most children. For those children who are given one, these are to be brought into class each day, along with their reading book. Children will choose a reading book from the Accelerated Reader library in school, though they can read books from home as well.

Reading at home

We request that you spend at least 15 minutes listening to your child read every day. Reading aloud is a vital skill and builds their confidence, fluency and extends their vocabulary. If you would like advice on how to support your child with reading at home, please do ask us. We are continuing to use Accelerated Reader, which gives your child the opportunity to read books at an appropriate level. Children should then complete a quiz on that book (at school or at home) before they can choose a new one from our library. When children achieve 100% on a quiz, they receive 5 housepoints and when they achieve over 70% they will receive 3 housepoints. Children can complete quizzes on books you share at home as well – they don't have to have read all of it themselves. We use the quizzes to support our assessments of the children's reading, as well as monitor how much they are reading and if they need additional support in school. We are really grateful for your support with this.

Spelling

Spelling lists will be sent home via email each week. This is to keep you in the loop with what your child is learning in school so you can support with this at home. Regular practice of small groups of words at home will help children to retain their knowledge of the key spellings and will reinforce our spelling lessons at school.

Times tables

Children will be given a Times Tables Rock Stars username and password. It is the same as they have had previously, so there won't be anything new to learn! This is a fantastic website that the children can use to play games and earn points which in turn, reinforces and consolidates their knowledge of the times tables. Children should use this regularly so that they continue to develop and feel secure with their times tables, to support the work we will do with them in school. Year 4 children will be taking the statutory Multiplication Tables Check in Term 6 and it is a national expectation that most children will know their times tables up to 12 times by this point.

Arrival at school, equipment and Uniform

All children in Years 3 and 4 should enter by the door from the nursery playground (to the right hand side of the office). An adult will be on duty to welcome them in between 8.40 and 8.50 each day, when the register will be taken and lessons begin. In the afternoon, Poplar Class will leave from the nursery playground door whilst Acacia and Cherry Class leave from the middle door opposite the car park (to the left of the main entrance).

All equipment that your child needs in Year 3 and 4 is provided by the school, which means that pencil cases are not needed in school. Children will be allocated their own locker, so any bags must fit into their locker, including swimming kits.

Please note that children should not bring toys or fidget tools to school unless prior agreement is obtained from Mr Wheatley, our Inclusion Manager.

Uniform

Uniform promotes a sense of belonging and equality. We expect our children to demonstrate pride in their appearance and respect for the school uniform.

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Grey tailored trousers or shorts
Grey skirt, pinafore dress
White shirt/polo shirt
White short-sleeved shirt/blouse
School bottle green round neck/V-neck sweatshirt or sweatshirt fabric cardigan
School tie (optional)
Black tights
Grey socks (white socks can be worn with dresses)
Green checked dress
Black shoes

Children should be well-presented and their white shirt/polo shirt must be tucked in at all times. Children must wear sensible black shoes to school.

Makeup and nail varnish are not permitted. Excessive hair accessories or extreme hair styles or colour are also not permitted. No jewellery except for one, small, stud earring allowed in each ear. Analogue watches are encouraged but SMART watches are not allowed.

Many items are available from the school office. To order uniform please click on the link <https://www.brigade.uk.com/parents/> or visit the uniform section on our website.

The Parent and Teachers' Association also runs an excellent second-hand uniform shop on site.

PE kit

This term, we will all have PE on a Tuesday. Please ensure that your child comes into school wearing their PE kit on this day. If a child is unable to join in with the PE lessons due to injury they should still come in their full PE kit as they will contribute to the learning and assessment of skills covered. Pupils with long hair should have their hair tied back at all times and earrings must be taken out or protected with tape during PE lessons. Teachers are not allowed to take earrings out for children so please ensure it is done before they arrive to school that morning.

PE kit:

Trainers

House colour T-shirt

Black PE shorts

Green track suit bottoms or black skins underneath the black shorts maybe worn for outdoor games in cold weather. Skins must not be worn without white shorts over the top.

All items of uniform need to be clearly marked with your child's name

Swimming

We are pleased to let you know that Year 3 and 4 will be swimming in Term 1. Swimming days will be **Monday for Poplar, Thursday for Acacia and Friday for Cherry**. Your child will need their swimming kit, swimming hat, towel and goggles (if they use them) on their allocated day. If they have pierced ears then they must come to school without earrings in. We are unable to take earrings out for the children and they must not be taped; this is to protect the lining of the swimming pool. Swimming is part of the National Curriculum, but is also a very important life skill that children need to have and we are very fortunate to have our own pool on site. Please ensure that your child aims to swim most, if not all, weeks so that we can support them in leaving primary school with the ability to swim.

Outdoor Learning

We hope to have lots of opportunities for outdoor learning so please make sure your children have suitable footwear and waterproof jackets in school every day. This really is essential as we move into the winter months. **Please send a named pair of wellington boots, old trainers or boots into school with your child.** These can be left at and stored in school so that they are to hand should we need them on a wet day! We will be having more regular forest school sessions from Term 2 so be ready for more information on this!

Other information and key dates

Wednesday 9th September – 2.30-2.50pm - Meet the Teacher (all welcome)

Thursday 10th September – 9.00-9.20am - Meet the Teacher (all welcome – repeat session)

Friday 11th September – PTA Colour Run

Friday 16th October – End of Term 1

Tuesday 3rd November – In a Nutshell Theatre

Friday 23rd April – Maidstone Museum trip

Information about healthy lunchboxes is included below.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Year 3 and 4 Team

Pack your child a **HEALTHY LUNCH BOX**

Choose a variety of foods from each food group



Fruit



Vegetables



Dairy



Wholegrains



**Lean meat
& alternatives**



A Healthy Lunch Box



**MAKE WATER
YOUR DRINK**



**PACK ICE BRICKS
TO KEEP FOOD
COOL**



**USE A THERMOS
TO KEEP FOOD
WARM**



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