

Welcome to Year 4 Richards Class

Our class is named after the scientist Mark Richards.



Who's Who?

Teacher:
Miss Cooke



Teaching assistants:
Mrs Gilbert
Mrs Parsons



Key times

Doors open at 8:35am until 8:55am

Your child will enter through the outside door of their classroom. It is useful to arrive in good time where possible as we have learning activities to complete before the register.

KS2 break is at 10:35am

If your child brings their own snack please make sure it is a piece of fruit or vegetable only.

KS2 lunch is at 12:15pm

Children may order a school dinner or bring a packed lunch from home if they prefer.

School ends at 3:00pm - gates open at 2:55pm

If your child walks home or to the gate at the bottom they will be released to meet you. Other parents may wait at the top of the drive to meet their children.

A range of clubs run from 3:00 - 4:00pm

These are allocated each half-term - keep an eye out for the booking letter 📧

Developing independent learning skills

- ▶ As pupils progress through primary school, they are encouraged to become more independent in their learning. Year 4 students are expected to take greater responsibility for their work, time management, and organizational skills. This prepares them for the increasing independence required as the progress onto Year 5, 6 and secondary school.



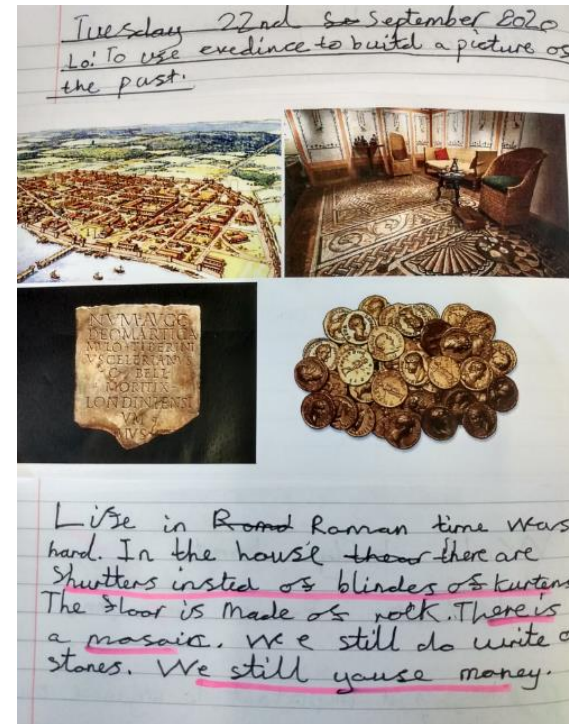
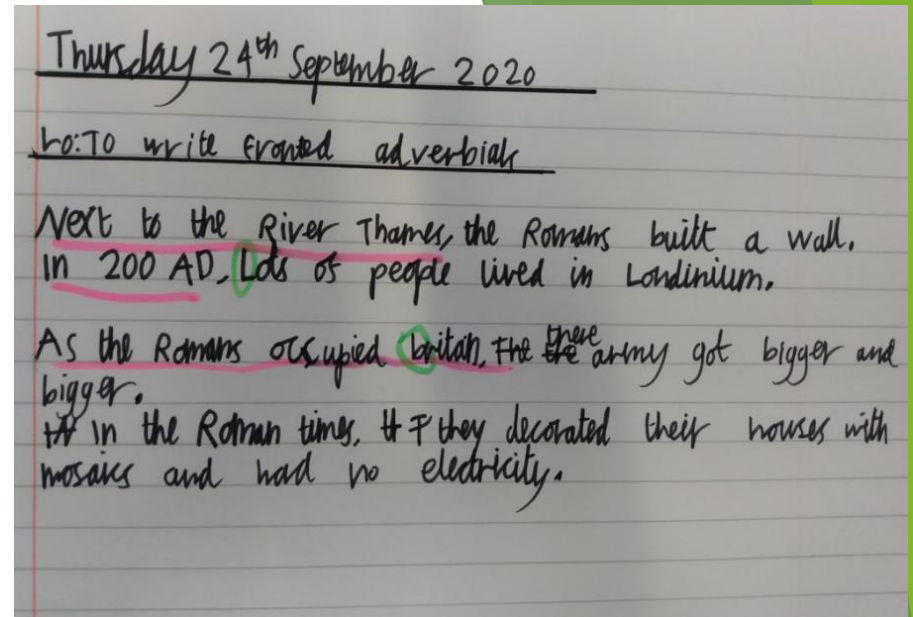
Reading



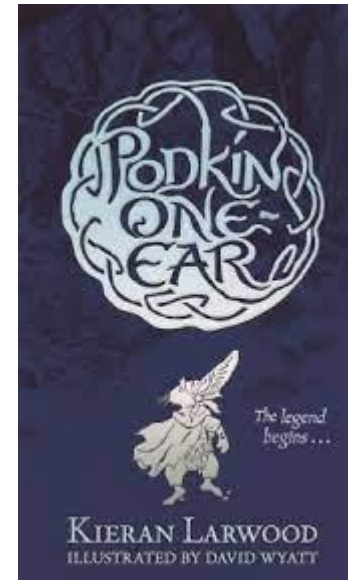
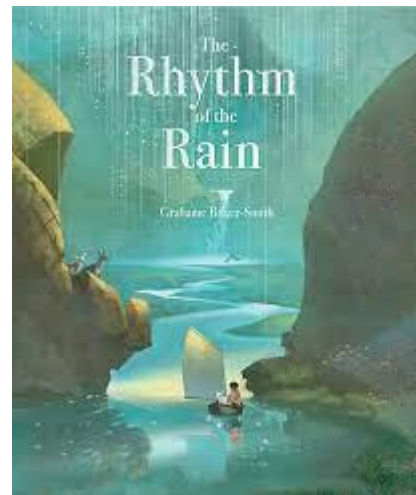
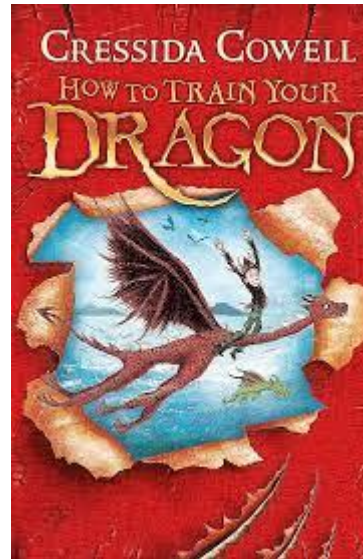
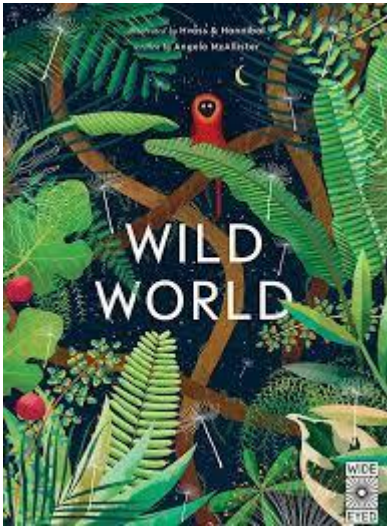
- ▶ We will continue to develop reading enjoyment, stamina and fluency during year 4.
- ▶ Within our school, we aim to encourage children to read for pleasure and have worked on our classroom reading areas to promote this.
- ▶ We have taken a *quality over quantity* approach, allowing children to choose their books easily.
- ▶ Interactive reading stations. Pupil Voice.

English

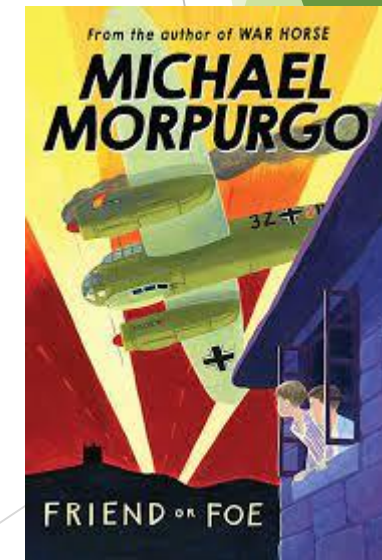
- ▶ In Year 4 we will engage in a wide range of language activities, including reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
- ▶ We will continue to build upon the literacy skills acquired in previous years, with a focus on developing a deeper understanding of language and literature. Year 4 will explore a variety of literary genres, analyze texts, and demonstrate their comprehension through discussion and written responses.
- ▶ We will work on improving our writing skills, including narrative, persuasive, and informational writing, while also refining their grammar, punctuation, and vocabulary.
- ▶ We will incorporate poetry, drama, and non-fiction texts, fostering a love for reading and a deeper appreciation of language as they progress through the academic year.



These are a few of the books we may be using to inspire our writing this year

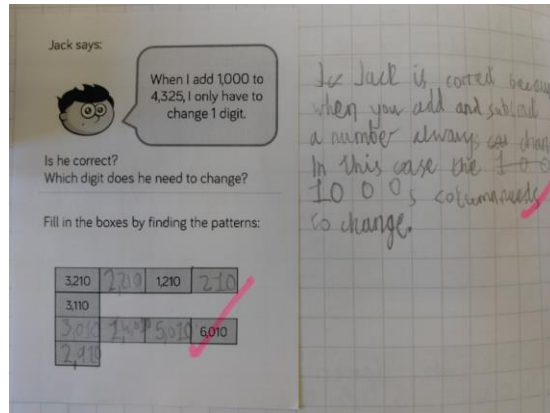


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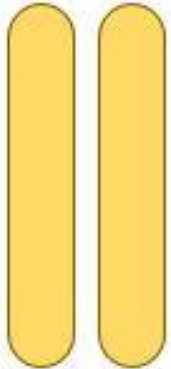
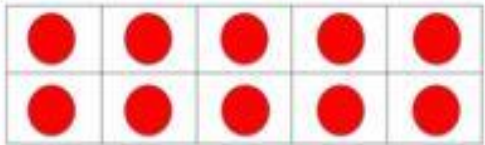
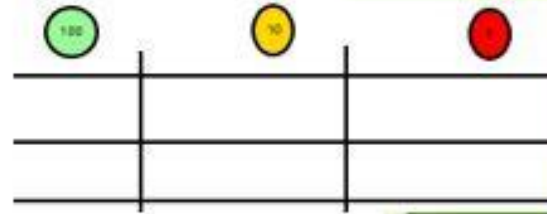
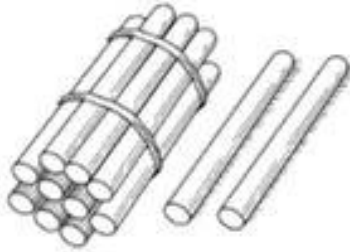


Maths

- ▶ The multiplication tables check (MTC) is statutory for all year 4 pupils registered at state-funded maintained schools, special schools or academies (including free schools) in England.
- ▶ The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will help schools to identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided.
- ▶ Encourage children to practice their times tables using Times Table Rock Stars :)



A range of resources



We will continue to use a wide range of practical resources to support our work in Maths throughout the year.

This helps children to create a strong visual image of what the maths they are doing represents.

Wider curriculum

- We have lots of interesting topics in store this year. Our learning will include:



The Anglo Saxons



Living things and their



Mountains and Earthquakes

Habitats

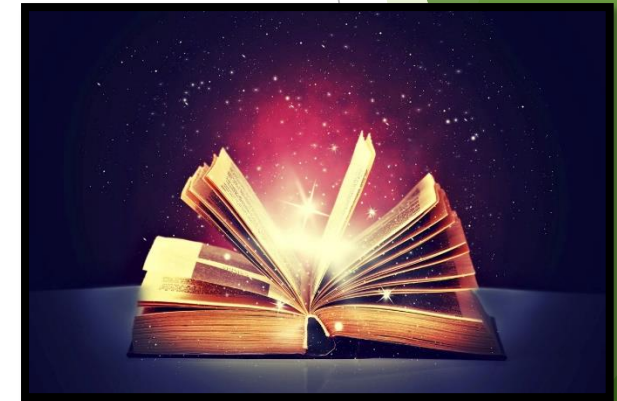
- Year 4 will be taught Science, History, Geography, Music, Computing, PSHE, RE, Art, DT, French and PE each week.

Homework

- In Year 4 we encourage the children to take responsibility for their own homework, building good routines in preparation for Year 5.

The expectations are:

- Daily reading
(aim for fifteen minutes a day, or a chapter of your book)
- Weekly spelling practice
(via Spelling Shed - at least 3 games a week)
- Maths facts practice
(via MathsShed/ Times Table Rockstars - 10 minutes a day)



Assessment

- ▶ We assess the children throughout the year taking into account their work in books, their contributions in class and their results in any formal assessment tests.
- ▶ There are two formal parents' evenings in the Autumn and Spring terms; these are an opportunity to discuss progress, successes, areas for development and strategies moving forward alongside any pastoral areas. Your child's individual targets will also be shared with you at these meetings.
- ▶ There is an additional open evening for parents in the Summer term to visit your child's current class teacher and meet the new teacher for the coming year.
- ▶ Formal reports are produced during the Summer term and will give an overview of your child's attainment in all subjects, a personal comment from the teacher and Headteacher, and targets for the year ahead.



I can't do it
...YET!

Communication

- ▶ Please contact the class teacher first with any questions or worries.
- ▶ For short questions / messages:
 - catch us at drop-off or pick-up times,
 - use the class email address year4@woottonpri.iow.sch.uk (8:30 - 4:00),
 - pop a note into the reading diary for any non-urgent queries.
- ▶ For longer conversations:
 - please arrange with the class teacher to meet after school or talk on the phone.
- ▶ Our weekly **newsletter** includes an update from each teacher on what the children have been learning alongside important messages from the Headteacher.
- ▶ The **school facebook page** also celebrates learning each week and often includes photographs of the children enjoying their lessons and educational visits.
- ▶ Please keep the office updated with your contact details so you don't miss any important messages 😊



We are looking forward
to a great year in
Richards Class 😊

Please feel free to ask any questions now, pop
them on a post-it, or drop me an email!
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Thank you