



St Martin's C of E Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, we would like to welcome you to Year 4. We are all extremely excited to teach your children this year. In Year 4, Miss Cordwell is teaching Oak and Mrs Stokes is teaching Ash. We will have the support of Mrs Prowse and Mrs Talos.

The school day

The main school gates open at 8:20am and children need to be in school, ready to learn by 8:30 am. Children arriving late will need to register at the school office.

School finishes at 3:00 pm. If you are booking holidays, you will find the term dates for the next academic year on our school website.

Attendance

High attendance at school is not just valuable, it's essential. It gives children the best possible chance of developing secure friendships, feeling safe, building on prior learning and succeeding academically. There is a proven link between high attendance and doing well at school.

At St Martins we promote the importance of high attendance in our weekly celebration assembly, awarding 'Attendance Bear' to the class with the highest attendance for that week.

As a school we strive for a goal of 100% attendance however we do recognise that there will be times when children are not well enough to be in school. If your child is unwell, please contact the school office. If you have any concerns regarding the attendance of your child, please contact Melanie Turl - Acting Deputy Teacher via School Spider.

Learning Narrative

This term, we will be learning all about:

- The Romans in **history**
- Mountains and volcanoes in **geography**
- How our food is digested in our **science** lessons
- Vincent Van Gogh as our **artist** of the term
- The Holy Trinity in **RE**

Home Learning

Your child will be set home learning each week - Given out on a **Friday** and collected in by the following Friday. This will consist of a timestable challenge and a spelling task which will be set on Google Classroom and Spelling Shed.

In addition to this, children need to continue daily reading (30 minutes) and we recommend still listening to your child read aloud a few times a week. It is important that the children are heard to read as much as possible to improve their fluency and comprehension, as well as this having a positive impact on their writing. The children will have their reading records for you to sign to say that you have heard them read at home.



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Children will bring home their Accelerated Reader (AR) book each day. These books must come back into school every day as they are also the children's class reading books. Once a child has finished their book will take a short quiz to assess how successfully they have comprehended the text.

Also, it is crucial that children are regularly practicing their times tables on TTRockstars as, next summer, the children will be taking their times tables assessment where they are required to know all their times tables up to 12x12.

Google Classroom

The children will have access to their school Google Account, via Chromebooks and iPads. Through this we will be using Google Classroom, which allows us to share resources and work with the children, but also for us to see their work. The Google Suite can also be accessed at home on most electronic devices. If you need any support with this, then please let us know.

P.E

Both classes have PE on **Monday afternoons** and **Wednesday afternoons**.

Monday - PE Kit

Tuesday - School Uniform

Wednesday - PE Kit

Thursday - School Uniform

Friday - School Uniform/Forest kit

On PE days, your child needs to **come to school dressed in their PE kit**.

PE kit should include:

- Black shorts
- T-shirt based on the children's family learning group or plain white t-shirt
- Black tracksuit bottoms
- Trainers
- School jumper to be worn over the top for warmth

Please speak to the office if you are unsure of your child's family learning group.

Forest school

Forest will be the same as last year - alternating between the classes on **Friday afternoons**. Children need to **come to school wearing their forest clothes (long sleeved top and trousers)**. Please make sure that they also come to school with a suitable waterproof coat and wellies in a carrier bag. The children will then need to be collected from the forest at the end of school.

Uniform and Belongings

Please ensure that all personal items are labelled clearly. Even with the best intentions, children do loose things - having them named means that items can find their way back to the correct owner.



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Questions/Queries

At St. Martins we have an open-door policy so staff will be at their doors at the beginning and end of each day to answer any quick questions. If you have any queries that need to be discussed in more depth, please contact the school admin team via School Spider and address your message 'for the attention of Year 4 Teachers.

We look forward to a successful and happy year.

Miss Cordwell and Mrs Stokes