

### Throughout the year

Please continue to talk to your child about their daily experiences.

If there are any concerns at all, e.g. your child not wishing to come to school or claiming the work is too hard, do not panic! Reassure your child and speak to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Most importantly, we want all of the children to continue to develop a love of learning and a thirst for knowledge.

We look forward to a successful year ahead!

**Year 4 Staff contact details** (also available on the school website [www.goldingtongreenacademy.co.uk](http://www.goldingtongreenacademy.co.uk))

We have an 'Open Door' Policy at Goldington Green Academy. If your child's class teacher is unable to speak to you at the door or you would like to make an appointment to speak with them, please use the contact details below.

Staff	Telephone	Email
Miss. R. Newell Magnolia Class	326335	<a href="mailto:rnewell@goldingtongreenacademy.co.uk">rnewell@goldingtongreenacademy.co.uk</a>
Mrs G Humphries and Mrs S Jarrett Chestnut Class	326335	<a href="mailto:ghumphries@goldingtongreenacademy.co.uk">ghumphries@goldingtongreenacademy.co.uk</a> <a href="mailto:sjarrett@goldingtongreenacademy.co.uk">sjarrett@goldingtongreenacademy.co.uk</a>
Mrs. H. Brewin Cedar Class	326335	<a href="mailto:hbrewin@goldingtongreenacademy.co.uk">hbrewin@goldingtongreenacademy.co.uk</a>

*From the smallest seeds to the tallest trees, always aiming higher; Give, Grow & Aspire*

## Helping Your Child Move into Year 4



In addition to this booklet, there will be a 'Meet and Greet' session in your child's new classroom on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 3.00pm. Come and collect your child from their new classroom and you will get the opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher.

### **Routines**

To support children in becoming independent learners we ask that parents and carers say goodbye to their children at the exterior classroom door.

Your child may bring a **fresh** piece of fruit or vegetable for break time. This should not be a wrapped bar or 'Fruit Winder' style snack. It is also very important that children bring named water bottle to school every day.

Your child will visit the Library every week and withdraw 2 books; a fiction and non-fiction. In Year 4, children's library books can go home but if they are lost or damaged, a fee will be charged to replace the book.

## Structure of the day

As the children come into school, they will undertake a learning task, as the register is completed. It is very important that children are on time each morning as if they are late they will miss this important aspect of their learning. The school day will usually follow this routine:

Morning	Afternoon
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enter school at 8.30</li><li>• Paired reading/ TT Rockstars</li><li>• English</li><li>• GPS</li><li>• Reading comprehension</li><li>• Playtime</li><li>• Maths</li><li>• Lunchtime (12.30pm)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Register</li><li>• Mastering number</li><li>• Topic learning activities</li><li>• Home time at 3.00pm</li></ul>

Children are encouraged to use the toilet at playtime and lunchtime so their learning is not interrupted

**Year 4 have PE on Wednesday morning** and will need to come into school in their PE kit and they will wear it all day. It is important that the school uniform policy is adhered to at all times. No logos or other than colours are permitted.

## Homework

The Government recommended time for homework is 1.5 hour per week for Year 4 children. Your child will receive their homework weekly via Google Classroom. It is important that homework is completed to ensure that routines are in place and your child is ready for year 5 and beyond. If your child or you are unsure of any of the tasks, please speak to your child's class teacher who will be more than happy to help. Spelling tasks will be completed daily in school. There are year 4 spellings on Google Classroom to complete at home.

## Reading with your child at home

Children should be encouraged to read daily at home. If your child has read to you at home please write a comment in their diary. If your child is ready to change their book they should tell their teacher as they come into school. Reading books and diaries should be brought to school every day. your child will be expected to read aloud to their class to improve their reading speed. It is expected that your child should read no less than 5 times a week to earn their reading badges.

## Heritage Bags

Learning about different cultural and family traditions is important to us at Goldington Green Academy. Over the course of the year your child will bring home one of our green heritage bags. It will a set of instructions about how work can be completed. When the bag is brought home you will be given an instruction as to when it should be returned. Please try to complete this work and give the bag back. Your child will love telling their peers about their home-life and in turn all of the children will learn so much from them.

## Clubs

There will be variety of lunchtime and after school clubs available and these will be dependent on staff expertise and interests. The majority of clubs are initially for Key Stage 2. Letters will be spent out regarding clubs at the beginning of each term.

## Preparing for Year 4

- ❖ Visit your local library and encourage your child to read books and magazines regularly at home.
- ❖ Log in to TT Rockstars to support the learning in maths for year 4 <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student> your child has already been assigned a user name and password in Year 3.
- ❖ Continue to encourage your child to use a dictionary and to practice the year 4 spellings.
- ❖ Reassure your child about the move into Year 4 – it is an exciting time!