

**WELCOME TO
YEAR 4
SYCAMORE**

Meet the Year 4 Team

Miss Kerr – Class Teacher

Miss Saunders – Teacher in training (Starts after October half term)

Mrs Gak – LSA (Thursday and Friday)

Mr Lockwood – LSA (All week)

Mrs Hedges – LSA (Monday – Wednesday)



Morning Reminders

Punctuality - playground gates will be open from 8.45am and will be locked promptly at 8:55am. If you are late, you will need to ring the buzzer at Reception and sign the late book.

As soon as children arrive they should proceed to their classroom ready for their day.



Attendance

Regular school attendance is essential if children are to achieve their full potential.

We believe that regular school attendance is the key to enabling children to maximise the educational opportunities available to them and become emotionally resilient, confident and competent adults who are able to realise their full potential and make a positive contribution to their community.

As a school, we class 96% or above attendance as good attendance. Attendance is monitored regularly and support is available as needed.



Daily Routine

As soon as children arrive to school, they should proceed to their classroom ready to start the morning work. Morning work consists of maths questions.

Reading records and books should be handed in every day.

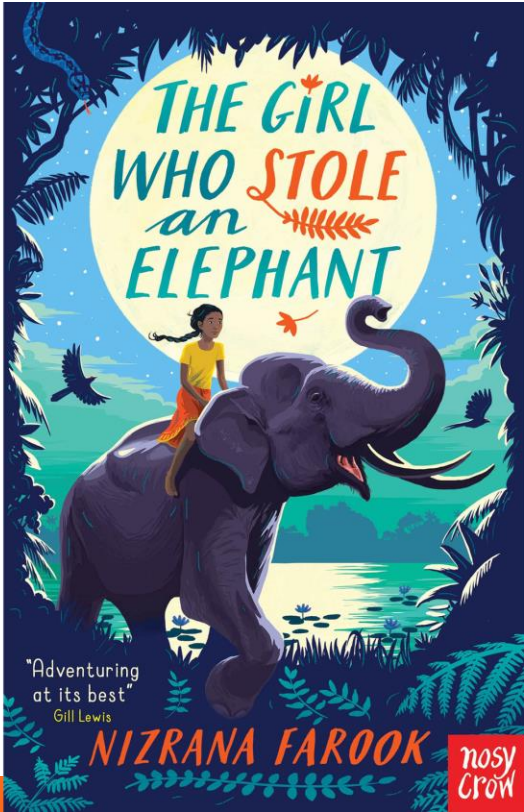


Timetable

	M W	9- 9:30	9:30- 10:30	10:30- 10:45 Assembly		11-12:15		13:10- 13:30	13:30-14:10	14:10-14:55	1455-1515
Monday		Reading Novel	Writing	Singing Assembly	break	French	lunch	Handwriting	Maths TTRS if time	Spelling RE	Book club 1 and packing away
Tuesday		Spelling	Writing	Maths TTRS if time		Geography/hi story			PE	Book club 2 and packing away	
Wednesday		Spelling	Writing	Maths TTRS if time		CH SEND interventions			Book club 3 and packing away		
Thursday		Reading Novel	Writing	Maths TTRS if time		Science			DT/Art	PE	Book club 4 and packing away
Friday		Reading Ninja	Writing	Sharing assembly		Maths + Arithmetic			PSHE	ICT	Book club 5 and packing away TTG5

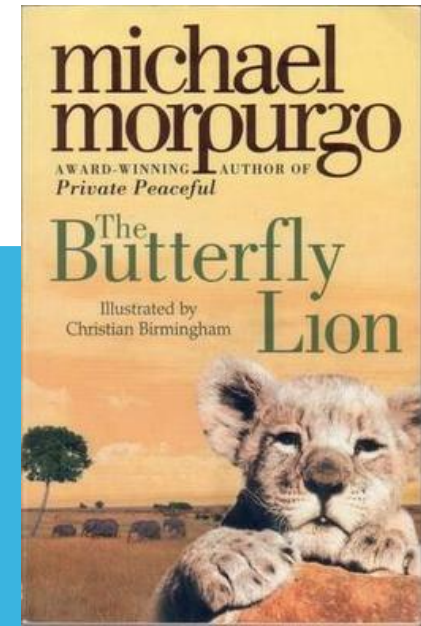
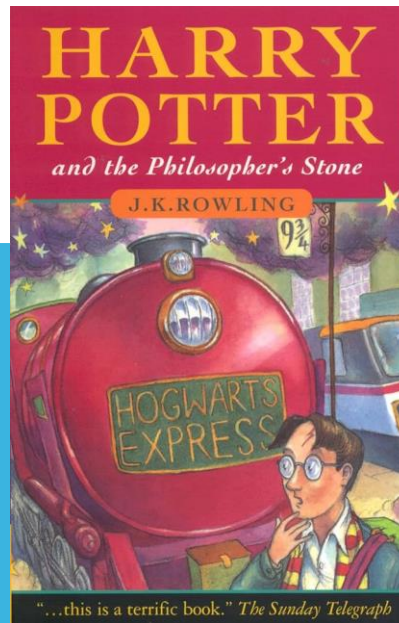
The Year 4 Reading Spine

- Autumn 1: The Girl Who Stole an Elephant



This term we are reading *The Girl Who Stole an Elephant*. We have a class set for the whole class to use one between two.

Chaya, a no-nonsense, outspoken hero, leads her friends and a gorgeous elephant on a noisy, fraught, joyous adventure through the jungle where revolution is stirring and leeches lurk. Will stealing the queen's jewels be the beginning or the end of everything for the intrepid gang?



School Values

Our vision and values are at the core of everything we do. They underpin our teaching and learning and provide an environment which prepares our pupils as confident, happy citizens.

Our Values: Resilience, Equality, Independence, Respect and Kindness.

Mission Statement - to provide the highest quality all round education, for each and every child, in partnership with parents, within our diverse community.

Aim - To create a happy, safe and curious learning community.

Purpose/Vision - At Foxes Piece School pupils will leave resilient, confident, respectful and independent young people, ready for their next step in education.

Resilience, Equality, Independence,
Respect, Kindness.

Behaviour and Expectations

At Foxes Piece, we expect and encourage good behaviour and self discipline from all pupils in order to achieve an environment which enables emotional development, effective learning, high standards and the smooth functioning of the school as an orderly community.

How do we maintain this?

- By reinforcing our strong values regularly
- Praise pupils for good behaviour by positive phrasing, giving tokens for children to collect and spend on the Token Trolley, collect marbles for a Marble Treat, Whole school Sharing Assembly and certificates for pupil's achievements and successes.
- Star of the day – each day a child who has shown exceptional behaviour and effort will be given Star of the Day.
- Proud cloud – Two or three children are chosen to play a game together for the last 10 minutes of the day



BREAK AND LUNCHTIMES

Fruit is available in the dining hall at break times. Children can bring in their own healthy snack.

Hot dinners are available to children when requested and paid for in advance. They are also able to have packed lunches. All children sit together in the canteen.

Lunches and snacks provided from home should help to promote a balanced and healthy approach to food and diet.

We are a nut free school – **no nut products to be brought into school.**



Uniform and PE Days

- Please can school uniform be clearly labelled.
- PE uniform needs to be worn to school on child's PE day and must be clearly labelled.
- **PE days in Year 4 are Tuesday and Thursday.**
- If hair is long enough to be tied up, it must be. Please can children wear plain hair bands/ clips.
- Earrings must be plain studs and only one in each ear. They are not permitted to be worn during PE. For the first 6 weeks after a new piercing, they should be covered with tape (which the child will have to apply and provide).



COMMUNICATION

Open communication between home and school is crucial. If you have any concerns or anything you would like to discuss regarding your child, please do not hesitate to speak to us. We are here to help.

Parents can speak to teachers at the end of the day or send a message via the office.

- office@foxespiece.co.uk

Do we have your up-to-date contact details?

Look out for weekly newsletters for diary dates and important updates on school events and activities.



Assessment and Parent Interviews

Your child's progress will be regularly evaluated throughout the year, using both formal and informal assessments. Teachers will administer summative, nationally recognised tests in Reading and Maths to monitor progress, alongside ongoing teacher assessments.

For Writing, teachers will assess work based on National Curriculum criteria.

During Parent-Teacher Interviews, teachers will share your child's progress and achievement. These interviews will be held on:

- **Wednesday 20th November – Thursday 21st November 2024**
- **Wednesday 12th March – Thursday 13th March 2025**

Homework in Year 4

- Daily reading should take place every day Please keep hearing your child read and continue to sign and date the reading diary. Reading books should be in school every day for reading opportunities with an adult.
- Children can access Doodle Maths and Times Table Rock Stars. Children can find their logins in their homework book.
- Once a week, children will receive an English and Maths based homework. Homework will be set on Thursday and returned back to school on Tuesday
- Maths homework will be set on Doodlemaths
- Spellings will be sent home weekly.
- Please support your child to find a suitable time and day to complete homework, ready to hand in on time.
- Homework wheel



Maths

We teach Maths daily following the White Rose scheme. We work hard to challenge and support each child.

Challenge and problem solving is included in Maths lessons and linked to everyday situations e.g money, time, weighing and measuring.

There are lots of different equipment in the classroom for the children to use, including a Maths Mastery Box.

Children can access Doodle Maths and Times Table Rock Stars in school and at home.



Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

- Takes place in June 2025
- The children need to be able to answer their times tables 1-12 in 5 seconds per question.
- We will be practising in school regularly.
- We would like the children to practise at home using Times Table Rockstars.
- Rockstars wall

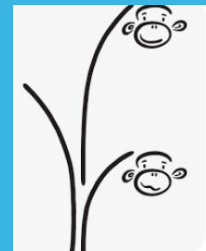
English

We teach daily English lessons following Ready, Steady, Write scheme. Grammar and punctuation teaching is implemented throughout English lessons.

Spelling lessons follow Ready, Steady Spell scheme.

We put a strong emphasis on presentation and encourage all children to take pride in their work. We have implemented a new handwriting scheme – Kinetic Letters.

We work hard to challenge and support each child.



READING

- We are continually assessing children's reading to ensure they are at the correct level.
- Please encourage your child to read at home to develop their love of reading.
- At Foxes Piece we have a passion for reading and each classroom has their own reading corner. Children can choose a book from our reading corner or the Key Stage 2 Library.
- Reading lessons consist of reading tasks based on the Ninja book and the class novel.



Safeguarding

The Designated Leaders for Safeguarding (DSL) are Mrs Jane Byron, Mrs Karen Byer, Mrs Nazia Khawaja, Mrs Lisa Dempsey and Mrs Loren Irvine are additional DSLs.

At Foxes Piece, the health, safety and well-being of every child is of paramount concern. We listen to our pupils and take seriously what they tell us. Our aim is that children will enjoy their time as pupils in our school.

We want to work in partnership with everyone to help children achieve their full potential and make a positive contribution.

For all safeguarding related queries please email -

safeguarding@foxespiece.co.uk



Mrs J Byron
Headteacher



Mrs K Byer
Deputy Headteacher



Mrs N Khawaja
Assistant Headteacher



Mrs L Dempsey
Family Liaison Teacher



Mrs L Irvine
SENCo

Thank you!

If you would like to volunteer to work at Foxes Piece, please contact the school office. We are always very appreciative of any extra help!

Any questions?

We look forward to working with you and your children this year.

Thank you for attending this meeting.

