



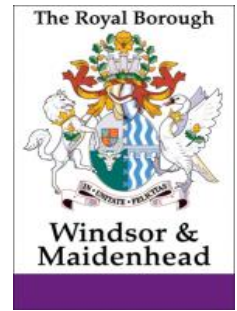
# Oldfield Primary School

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## To Parents/Carers of Children in Year 4 Badgers and Koalas

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the start of the new academic term in Year 4. We hope that you had a very enjoyable summer break. We would like to draw your attention to some of the things that will be happening during the Autumn term.

### Home Learning

Home learning will be starting at the end of next week. Your child will be expected to complete the weekly activities that are listed on the home learning journal. The list shows the date when the homework is due to be handed in by. When a resource is mentioned, this will be stuck into your child's homework book in the week prior to the work being due. The times table related task should help your child be prepared for the Multiplication Tables Check in June (please see below).

For more detailed information on home learning, please also read the correspondence from Mrs Page.

### Reading

In addition to any reading done at school, all pupils in Year 4 should aim to read at home every day for 15 minutes. This should include reading with an adult three times a week – please fill in a note in their reading record when you do this. Children then may want to read other material by themselves. Children will be issued with a reading book from school during the day that they will take home to read in the evening. Please spend time on these books together, chatting about the book and checking for comprehension. Your child will need to bring back their book with their reading journal every day.

### Times Tables

All children have times tables to learn. Oldfield expects all children to be learning their tables throughout the school. Times tables will be tested regularly. Knowledge of times tables will make a huge impact on your child's learning in maths, so I would encourage you to focus on these at home as much as possible. There will be a statutory times tables check taking place at the end of year 4 and all children are expected to know up to 12 x 12 by this point. This will take place during the week beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June – please ensure your child is in school that week.

The children can continue to use the TT Rock Stars website at home to help support with their learning of their times tables. Do please let us know if your child has lost or forgotten their login details.



### **Spellings**

Each Friday, Year 4 pupils will be given a set of spellings to learn, ready for a test the following Friday. These will be stuck into your child's homework book. Please encourage your child to practise these regularly. There will also be a lesson in school on the letter strings and themes of the words each week.

### **Equipment**

**Please be aware that all children will need at least one pen plus a spare which they will use in many of the lessons. It is recommended that they have an appropriate writing pen that allow your child to write neatly. Your child should have a pencil case with pen, pencil, rubber, felt pens and colouring pencils to assist their schoolwork.**

### **PE**

For the Autumn term, children are expected to arrive wearing their standard kit on their class PE days. They will remain in their kit for the remainder of the day. Starting from next week, PE will be on Tuesdays (indoors) and Wednesdays (outdoors). Children **must have** the correct standard PE kit with sweatshirts and navy joggers for when the weather becomes colder. Please refer to the website for a full kit list. If your child is unable to participate in a PE lesson for a genuine medical reason, please inform us with a written note for the child to hand in, or by email via the school office.

All sports kit is available from Goyals in Maidenhead. Please can you ensure that all items of PE kit are clearly named, including socks, trainers and plimsolls.

If your child is attending a sports club on a different day to the PE lessons, they should arrive at school in their uniform and bring their kit in a named bag. They will then be given time to get changed at the end of the school day.

### **Lunch Boxes**

To ensure that lunchtime runs as smoothly as possible, can we please ask that all lunch boxes are clearly named on the **outside**. These are put on the trolleys near the Year 4 classes on the outside of the building.

### **Collection from school**

If, for any reason, your child is being collected by anyone other than their parent or main carer, please inform us by note on the day, or email via the school office. It is very important that we know who to expect at the gate, and that your child is collected by the correct person. This includes if they are going on a play date with a friend's parent or carer, or if a grandparent is collecting them.

We hope your child has a very happy and successful year in Year 4. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your child and teaching them over the coming year. If you have any questions for us, please do get in contact via the school office.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Hellmuth

Year 4 Badgers

Miss Whitelaw

Year 4 Badgers

Mr Toynton

Year 4 Koalas



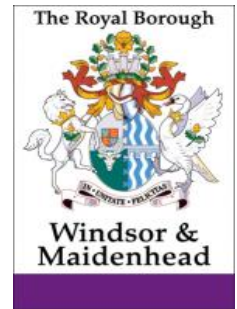
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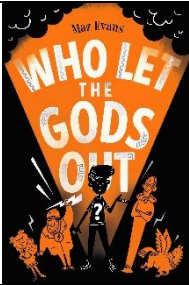


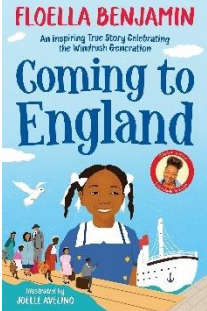
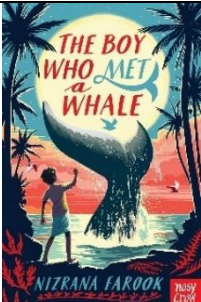

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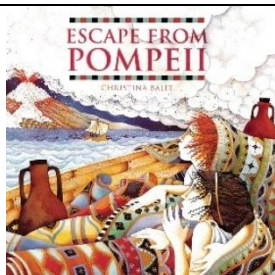


## Reading Spine – Year Four – Oldfield Primary

Term	Key Text and Author	Title, author and publication date
Autumn 1	 	<p><b>Who Let The Gods Out?</b> by Maz Evans 2017</p> <p>The star is Virgo - a young Zodiac goddess on a mission. But the pair accidentally release Thanatos, a wicked death daemon imprisoned beneath Stonehenge, and must then turn to the old Olympian gods for help.</p>
Autumn 2	 	<p><b>Inspirational People</b> (David Attenborough 1926 – ) 2020</p> <p>Little David grew up in Leicester on the campus of a university, where his father was a professor. As a child, he spent hours in the science library, collecting his own specimens and creating a mini animal museum.</p>
Spring 1	 	<p><b>Coming to England</b> by Floella Benjamin 2021</p> <p>Floella Benjamin was just a young girl when she, her sister and two brothers arrived in England in 1960 to join their parents, whom they had not seen for fifteen months. They had left the island paradise of Trinidad to make a new home in London.</p>
Spring 2	 	<p><b>The Boy Who Met A Whale</b> by Nizrana Farook 2021</p> <p>Razi, a local fisher boy, is watching turtle eggs hatch when he sees a boat bobbing into view. With a chill, he notices a small, still hand hanging over the side... Inside is Zheng, who's escaped a shipwreck and is full of tales of sea monsters and missing treasure.</p>



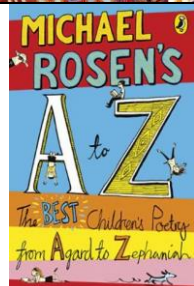
Summer 1



**Escape From Pompeii  
by Christina Balit 2003**

Tranio, like most Roman boys, likes to watch whatever is going on: tradesmen selling their goods, ships unloading their exotic cargoes, politicians making speeches in the forum. But one hot August day a very different scene unfolds.

Summer 2



**Michael Rosen's A to Z: The best  
children's poetry from Agard to  
Zephaniah by Michael Rosen 2009**

From Agard to Zephaniah, the very best of children's poetry from the very best of children's poets appears in this wonderful and exciting anthology edited by Michael Rosen, the Children's Laureate.