

Uniform

Black trousers or skirt.
Blue sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan - with or without the school logo.
Black shoes - only lace ups if your child can independently do their laces please.
White or blue polo shirt.
Please note that leggings, jeans or trainers are not part of our school uniform.

PE

The children need to bring an indoor and outdoor PE kit. Their t-shirt colour should match their house colour. We do the Daily Mile at least three times a week and children can change into their trainers for this. This term we will be doing PE on a Wednesday and a Friday but it is useful to have kits in school all week for spontaneous activities.

Water bottles and playtime snacks

The children may bring a water bottle and leave it on the side in the classroom, remembering to take it home on an evening. Please only bring water (not juice). There are water fountains available too. We would like the children to bring healthy playtime snacks such as fruit.

Special days

We are hoping to do some forest school activities linked to Ancient Egypt. We will be making some items for the reflection garden. Children will receive a note informing them if any spare clothing is needed. We are hoping to invite Kamlesh Singh in before December to help children to understand more about Sikhism.

Additional Information

Reading

We encourage the children to read a wide range of as many different books as possible. Please sign their reading record to say that they have read at home and they will receive a dojo. We listen to the children read, mainly through guided reading tasks at school, however through their individual books when possible.

Other Information

If the children have books, resources etc. that they would like to bring into class relating to the topic, they are welcome to do so. Rather than children bringing in 'show and tell' items on a random basis, I will be choosing two children a week to prepare a little talk about something that interests them. This will benefit their speaking and listening skills.

Homework

The children will receive a homework task each week involving either Maths, English or work related to the theme. Please try to return books on a Thursday so that the work can be marked ready for the Friday. They will also receive weekly spellings on a Friday from the Year 3/4 common exception words or from patterns to be taught in class throughout the following week. This will give the children an opportunity to read these words and learn the vocabulary but some children may receive alternative spellings to help them fill any gaps in learning. Some children will continue to develop phonics skills. There will be a spelling test each Friday. The children will be encouraged to work on their times tables at home and will be assessed monthly on these. It is really important that they try to learn all of their tables up to 12 x 12 and the related division facts by the end of Year 4. Using 'Times Tables Rock Stars' is a fun way to practise at home. There will be a government 'times tables' assessment check at the end of Year 4.