



Year 4

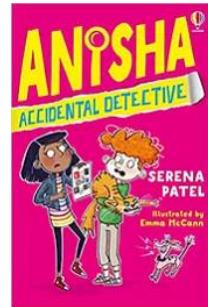
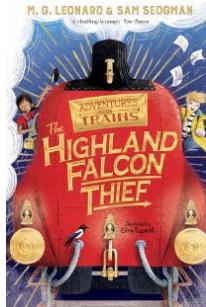
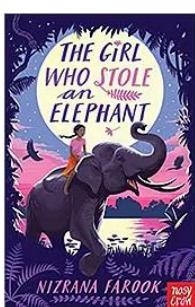
1. Anything you want to discuss, please get in touch. The office will forward on any emails, you can leave a message with Mr Medlicott or other staff on the playground or I will try to be available on the playground after school. Unfortunately, I am unable to be available for discussions first thing in the morning.
2. This year Mrs Tipping will cover my management and PPA cover all day on a Thursday when she is well enough to return. We are also lucky to have TA support from Mrs Hall in the mornings.

3. Homework:

- Spelling/ Handwriting practise: Out on a Thursday to help the children practise the current spelling rule we are studying as well as their handwriting. These need to be handed in by the following Wednesday which is also the day of the spelling test. You will notice a significant progression in some of the spellings we study in Year 4 so please do help your child review and practise them.

The new Reading Records have a list of different spelling rules we cover as well as the Year 3/4 spelling words that all children should be able to spell by the end of Year 4.

- Reading: Children should still be **reading aloud to an adult** throughout the week but as they become more confident, many prefer to read to themselves. The expectation is that they read at least 5 times a week at home which is recorded in their reading records. They should also be taking responsibility for writing in their own reading records, making notes on the vocabulary they have read, their opinions on the characters, their predictions for the next chapter etc. This can then be discussed with an adult as an alternative to reading aloud to them.
- Every five reads at home, recorded in their reading records and initialled by an adult, will earn them a raffle ticket. At the end of each small term, three names are drawn and they will receive a free book.



- Maths: Times Table Rock Stars is designed to be used little and often. Let me know if you need a reminder of your child's log on. It is suggested that children use it for three minutes, four times a week. Children should know **all tables** confidently by the **end of Year 4**. The children will be completing the 'Times Table Multiplication Check' at the end of the Year 4. I will send more information out about that later in the year. There is also 'mymaths' homework which links to the focus of our maths lessons. **This is optional**. Log on details are available on request.

If your child is finding any aspect of the homework difficult, please contact me. Children not reading or completing TTRS will be asked to catch up at break and lunchtimes.

4. **PE** – Tuesday is our Gymrun session with the sports coach and our timetabled PE session is on a Wednesday. However, it is important that children have PE kits in school all week. It serves as a spare set of clothes as well as a PE kit. The PE kit is navy/ dark shorts and a plain, white t-shirt but a dark, plain tracksuit is acceptable in the colder, winter months.



5. **Jewellery:** Children can only wear a watch and one pair of simple stud earrings. For health and safety reasons these will need to be removed for PE. No rings, bracelets or necklaces please. If ear-piercing is recent (less than 6 weeks), studs may be left in the ear as long as they are safely covered with micropore tape provided from home. It is the child's responsibility to ensure they bring this tape from home for this purpose. **If they are not confident removing earrings themselves then they should not wear them into school on PE days.**

6. **Uniform:** Guidance on uniform including footwear, watches, hair accessories etc is on the school website.

7. **Art:** All children need an art apron for use in school. This need not be a specially bought apron; an old, large t-shirt or shirt is just as good. We cannot guarantee that clay, paint or glue will wash out of clothing.

8. **Please still ensure that all items are named.**

9. **Woodland:** We will be continuing to use the woodland as much as possible. I will let you know in advance when we will be going down there so that you can provide/ dress the children in more appropriate clothing. Children may also wish to have a pair of wellies in school so they can use the field on wetter, muddier playtimes.



10. **Medication:** Any medication for children must be left at the office. If your child needs an inhaler, they should already have one in school. Inhalers will be kept safe in the classroom, in case it is needed. If your child has recently been diagnosed, please ensure that you contact the office to let us know as soon as possible, as we need to keep a register of all asthmatics and medications.

11. **Home time:** If your child is being collected by someone different from usual (such as going home with a friend), please can you email, ring or write a note so that I know that I have your permission for this. **Without your consent**, I am not allowed to let them go with anybody else. (Last year there were many occasions where children said that they were going home with someone else but I had not received any message from their parent so had to ask the office to phone and check.)

12. Any parental help is still always welcome. If you have any time or skills you would be willing to share, please let us know

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions.

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