

Welcome to Year 4 | 2022/23

Who's who?

- Mr Bracey, Mrs Simmonds, Mrs O'Donnell and Mrs Thorpe are the Year Group Class Teachers.
- Mrs Norris, Mrs Blackaller, Mrs Baillie and Mrs Holt are the Year Group Teaching Assistants.

Grayling 4



Georgie O'Donnell
Teacher



Kirsten Thorpe
Teaching Assistant



Gloria Norris
Teaching Assistant

Meadow 4



Nikki Simmonds
Teacher



Shirley Blackaller
Teaching Assistant



Lorna Holt
Teaching Assistant

Skipper 4



Tom Bracey
Teacher / Year Leader



Barb Baillie
Teaching Assistant

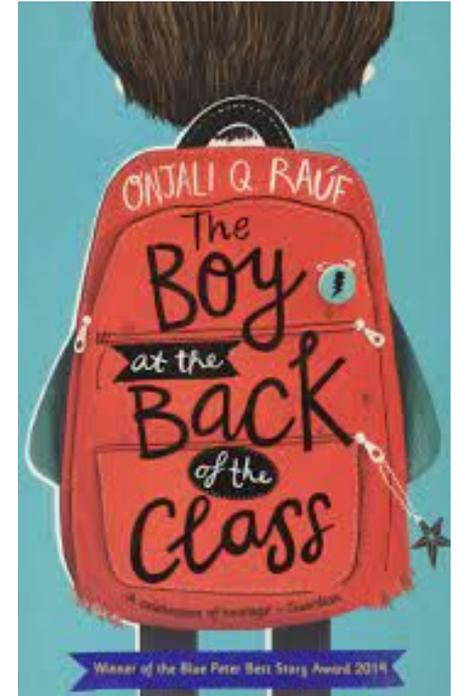
Our aim...

- To provide your children with a fun, caring, risk-taking environment where they can learn to the best of their ability and from their mistakes (we all make them!)
- To increase the amount of responsibility your child takes for themselves and for others in preparation for Middle School
- To help build the children's confidence and resilience
- To provide the children with memories that will last a lifetime - like Leeson House and the Y4 Summer Performance



Our Learning Journey Part One

- Continued use of “Maths No Problem” covering all relevant maths topics
- National multiplication tests in Summer Term - children tested with 25 times tables questions under timed conditions (from 1-12 times tables)
- Lots of fun and immersive literacy, including topics on Norse Mythology, Dragons and World Heritage Sites!
- Whole class guided reading where we will read some fantastic yet challenging texts.
- These texts include The Explorer, The Boy At The Back Of The Class and The Firework Maker's Daughter.



Our Learning Journey Part Two



- A broad science curriculum covering Animals & Living Things, Sound, States of Matter and Electricity.
- Lots of topic work, all reflecting our diverse Harmony inspired curriculum including art, geography, History, Jigsaw (PSHE) and RE.
- And finally....lots of fun!

Each half-term we will send home a Home Learning Leaflet detailing what we are learning about each half-term in class but if you ever want anymore information please just ask!

Events and trips

This year your child can expect to take part in the following:

A Carol Concert in December.

DASP Singing Concert in March.

Learning a musical instrument with DASP in the summer term 2023.

Lesson House residential trip in May 2023.

This year we have the opportunity to take 40 children to the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden to see the ballet Cinderella in March.

Year 4 performance at THS at the end of the summer term.



Opportunities in Year Four

- There are lots of new opportunities for your child in Year Four and we will be discussing these with them during the course of this term. The exciting opportunities include:
- Being a School Council representative;
- Being a member of the Junior Governors;
- Being an Eco-Schools representative;
- Being a Playground Helper or a Lunchtime Helper;
- Clubs, including gardening during school time and potentially more in the near future...



Home Learning...

- Keep reading at home...even if a free reader. Reading at home and for pleasure is a known precursor to good academic achievement.
- Your child will have brought home a yellow homework book. Weekly homework tasks will be stuck into this book every Friday. Please help and support your child with these tasks.
- Each term we will send home a Home Learning Leaflet with suggestions about some topic based home learning ideas, these are self-led and it is totally up to you with regards how many you undertake.



Logistics

- PE Days are **Monday and Tuesday**. Please ensure your child wears their PE kits on these days.
- Encourage your child to remember their own routine in the morning, getting all their kit ready, packing their own bags and bringing their belongings into school themselves (this will prepare them for Middle School!)
- Please ensure your child brings their reading diary and book into school every day.
- Please ensure your child brings their yellow homework book into school on Wednesday (or Friday) as requested by their teacher!
- Please ensure your child brings their coat, water bottle and a healthy snack to school every day.



Keeping up to speed

- Keep an eye on emails for school-wide and Year 4 information.
- There will be opportunities to come into school to view your child's work or do things alongside them...the details of these will be emailed to you prior to the event.
- The school newsletter, available on the school website, is also great for finding out more about what we have been up to in year 4 or for wider school messages and key dates.
- Check out our class blogs (please!!) These can be found via the school website here - <http://www.damers.dorset.sch.uk/blogs/>
- Feel free to ask us any questions on the school gate or email year4@damers.dorset.sch.uk and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Thanks for your time and
please feel free to ask
any questions...

