

Welcome to Year 4 Linden Class

**Mr Cockcroft, Mrs Whitehead,
Mrs Gillies, Mrs Little (TA)**

Mr Cockcroft

- I have been a teacher for 12 years
- I am the school French subject leader
- I work on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

I have one daughter, two chickens and four bicycles



Soft Start

- The classroom door will be open at 8.40am and then close at 8.50am
- If you are after this time, your child will need to go and sign in at the office

Speaking to the Teacher

- Quick word at the door
- Please write a message in your child's planner or let the office know
- You can also send an email to the linden@grovejm.herts.sch.uk
- I like to talk on the phone if possible
- During the day send to admin so that I get a message in class

Attendance

- If your child is absent from school a written note is required upon their return in addition to phone calls that may have been made
- Once the bell has rung and the classroom door is closed please register your child at the school office
- Collection: collect your child from outside. Please let the office know of your collection arrangements for this year. If home time arrangements change please inform your child's teacher in writing or send an email to the office

Behaviour

- As in the rest of the school we expect all children to follow the behaviour code
- We aim to create a positive learning environment where certificates, stickers and house points may be given



School Behaviours

The 3 Rs

Respect – Respect ourselves, each other and our environment

Responsibility – taking responsibility for our actions

Resilience – to learn from our mistakes and always try our best, even when we find things difficult



							
							
BLUE ZONE		GREEN ZONE		YELLOW ZONE		RED ZONE	
Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly		Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn		Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control		Mad/Angry Terrified Yelling/Hitting Elated Out of Control	

Uniform

Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform in school.

All items of uniform must be clearly labelled with your child's name including black school shoes. This is particularly important due to swimming!

Long hair must be tied back using a colour co-ordinating hair band/bobble. Clip back long fringes. No large headbands please!

PE kit is now worn on the days they have it (Monday and Thursday). Please note all jewellery should be removed, or micropore tape may be used to cover studs.

Please provide your child with a painting shirt or apron to protect their clothes during art lessons when needed

- Daily mile: comfortable shoes are essential

Lunches

- New system in school
- Please have a conversation with your children about what they are having!
- Check School Gateway



Medical

Inhalers: Please ensure your child has an in date, named inhaler in school at all times. They are kept in a box in my cupboard.

Epipens: Are kept in the classroom.

Please ensure if your child wears glasses/hearing aid, they have them in school daily and that we know about them.

Inform me/the office of any new medical conditions, changes or updates. This is vital particularly for swimming!

Equipment

- Small pencil cases are allowed that will fit in their tray! Items should be labelled with their name. Blue ink pens/handwriting pens not biros please.
- Please ensure your child brings in a named water bottle every day.
- Healthy snacks are allowed for break times – fresh fruit etc. **NO NUTS!**

Whole Class Music

- Thursdays up until Christmas
- Learning the Violin with a teacher from outside the school





Swimming



We will be swimming January until July so more details to follow.

Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name, including towel, goggles, full swimming costume(girls), trunks (boys) and a swimming hat.

Girls – no tights and wear trousers in winter if possible!

Tie long hair back in a single ponytail.

Earrings must be removed

Ensure we know about all medical conditions

Young Mariners – May/June next year so more details closer to the time.



Homework

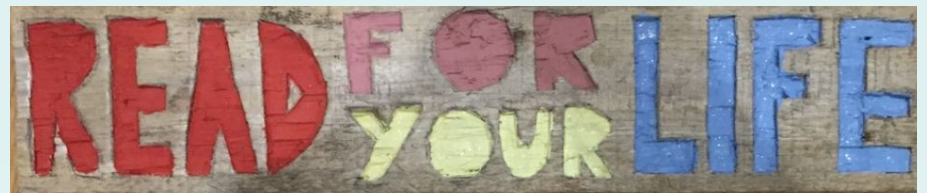
We set spelling homework on a **Monday every week** and **test the following Monday** through dictation. **Spelling sentences to be handed in by Friday.**

Remember to write down your spellings to continue learning the spelling pattern over the weekend.

Planners should be filled in **three times a week** and will be checked on a **Monday**. Please use a blue/ black pen. Ideally read with your child 5-10 mins a day

TTRS – 10 minutes a day (Multiplication check next June)

The children are allowed to borrow books from my book corner or they can bring a book from home/Harpenden library.



Finally...

- Books donations
- Go for a walk without your phone
- Sleep is vital

We are all looking forward to a fun and productive year!