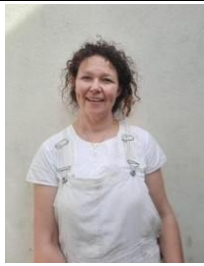


Welcome to Oaks

We hope you enjoyed the summer holiday and are now ready for an exciting Autumn term. It was lovely to have such good weather- although I have to admit it was frequently too hot for me.

Mrs Moss Teach Mon-Fri Except Thurs am	Mrs Squire Mon Tues Fri am. Teach Thurs am.	Mrs Coombs Mon, Tues and Fri pm. All day Wed	Mrs Valdmane Mon-Wed am. All day Thurs
			
Mrs Bennett Thurs Fri all day	Mrs Croom Mon Tues pm	Mrs Bater Wed pm	Mrs Monger French Wed pm.
			

As you can see, we have a lot of staff working in year 4 this year.

I, Mrs Moss will be teaching in class every day except Thursday morning when Mrs Squire will teach.



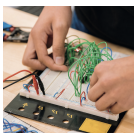
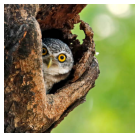
Our English lessons will be following the Literacy Tree scheme and our first book is called Baker by the Sea which focuses on the theme of community and taking courage. Moving into year 4, children need to work hard to consolidate their use of punctuation and continue to expand their use of vocabulary. Improving their written work and correcting punctuation and spelling errors is a key skill they will continue to develop. Spellings will again be directed at their own level, so we will test the year group statutory spellings at the start of term and they will come home with a list of words to work at home during the term. This will run alongside the spelling, vocabulary and phonics lessons that happen in the school. Please support your child to learn these important words at home. The scheme's whole class guided Reading has proved really successful with all children being part of the sessions and studying the same text. We start with a fantastic book called Zombierella which has been popular for the last 2 years. They will have daily tasks linked to the book and extracts we read together. Children following the Little Wandle scheme will continue to do this daily as well. Hearing your child read is still important as they move through Key Stage 2 and the school expectation is that they will read 4 times a week to an

adult out of school. If you are able to come into school to listen to readers that would be fantastic as the more opportunities for them to read aloud to adults is really beneficial at this age.

Maths will continue building on skills from year 3 working towards a variety of methods for written and mental calculations. Fluency with their knowledge of the times tables remains a key skill which we will focus on. In the summer term, children will participate in a Multiplication Tables Check which is a statutory test and covers multiplication and division up to x12. Times Table Rock Stars will be used regularly at school, but please encourage them to log in at home. If you need their log in details again, please let me know. I have changed the settings on TTRS and Numbots and it limits the children to a maximum of 30 minutes outside of school hours. 😊 To assist you with supporting your child at home, our **Maths workshop will be on 28th September at 2:30pm**. The children will join us for the 2nd half to play some Maths games so it would be great to have as many of you there as possible.



Mrs Squire will teach Science on a Thursday. Our themes for this term are Living things and their habitats and then Electricity. Using the right vocabulary will be important especially when explaining their observations so these words will be sent home during the term for them to learn to recognise and spell.



PE will usually be on a Monday afternoon but every 2 weeks they have the whole of Tuesday afternoon taught by Jess Bailey, as that is my allocated Maths leadership time. On PE days the children need to come into school in their PE kit (plain white t-shirt, black or blue shorts or leggings, school cardigan/ jumper/ fleece and trainers).

RE will focus on the beliefs of Christians and Hindus. At all times, children will be expected to respect different opinions to their own and our PSHE supports children to identify their own feelings and deal with different points of view in a positive way.

In music the children will be learning the recorder. They will be learning to read music and musical vocabulary. I will send out a separate letter to get your permission for them to bring the recorder home and resend their Charanga passwords so that they can log on and practise and perform for you at home. They will need to bring their recorder into school on Fridays please.

Creative Thursday will continue in class and Art lessons will build on their drawing and painting skills. Our first few weeks will be focusing on colour mixing as we work towards producing high quality work for the dining room display.

We look forward to seeing you for our **'Meet the Teacher' meeting on Tuesday 15th September 2.45pm**. It will be a great opportunity for you to ask us any questions and find out about end of year expectations.

A massive experience in Year 4 is their residential trip to **Hooke Court (12th-14th October)**. Our focus this year is a new one for us as it fits with our new topic of Anglo Saxons. Like last year, it will be myself, Mrs Squire and Mrs Coombs going and will also be joined by Mrs Bennett. Our Parent meeting will be Wednesday 16th September at 6pm. Obviously, if there

is anything you need to know before that do get in touch. Final payments are due soon and again contact the school if you need further information or support with this.

Mrs Monger will be teaching their weekly French sessions on a Wednesday afternoon. We discourage the children from making judgements and assumptions about their ability in subjects but by now at 50 something, I have recognised that learning languages is definitely not an area that I succeed in.

Children will be provided with their own pack of resources, including pencils, coloured crayons, rulers etc, but they may still wish to bring their own small pencil cases to school. These must be small enough to fit on their trays please. All children need a named drink bottle and clothes (especially jumpers and coats) need to be named too. Just a reminder that morning snack should **only be fruit** please.

It's always great to hear that the children are talking about their learning at home, so I'll keep the website updated with what's happening in class and hope this will prompt them and encourage them to share what they've been doing. We will be encouraging the children to take more responsibility for their belongings and informing you of information that you need to know. We are aware most classes have a class Whatsapp group which can be useful for you to contact each other, however, if you are uncertain about what is happening or need to clarify something your child has told, you don't forget to use our class email. year4@hatherleigh-pri.devon.sch.uk .This is one way to make contact or I am available after school any day if you want to speak face to face. We can only support the children with worries and needs if we know about them.

We hope the children have had a good week back and aren't too exhausted this evening.
Best wishes

Natalie Moss, Cindy Squire, Sam Valdmane, Jenny Coombs, Katie Bennett, Helen Croom,
Louise Bater and Jo Monger