



Oxbridge Lane Primary School



Welcome to Year 4

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I am Miss Amerigo and I am the headteacher at Oxbridge Lane Primary School.

Welcome to your new year group! I hope you have a fantastic time during transition week and that you enjoy meeting your new class and teachers. There is so much for you to learn, and I am sure you are all excited to get started.

Have a wonderful summer and I am looking forward to seeing you back at school in September.

Classrooms



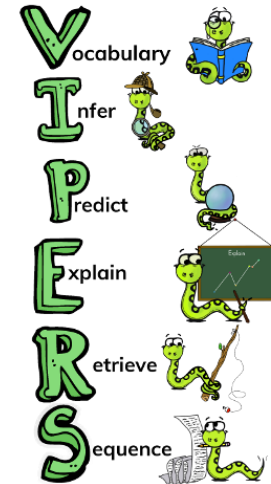
In school, we follow the Jolly Phonics scheme. To learn more about the scheme, please use this web link:

<https://www.jollylearning.co.uk/>

VIPERS

We teach reading through daily VIPERS lessons. It is an acronym of the 6 reading domains as part of the UK's reading curriculum. They are the key areas which we feel children need to know and understand in order to improve their comprehension of texts.

VIPERS stands for **V**ocabulary, **I**nference, **P**rediction, **E**xplanation, **R**etrieval, **S**equence or **S**ummarise



Useful Websites

Phonics games:

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Times Table Rock Stars:

<https://trockstars.com/>

Teach Your Monster to Read:

<https://www.teachyourmonster.org/>

Top Marks:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=games>



Mathematics

Power Maths

In school we use Power Maths. This programme is designed to spark curiosity and excitement, nurture confidence in maths and embed a growth mind-set approach to maths. It focuses on helping all children to build a deep understanding of mathematical concepts.



Times Tables Rock Stars

Times tables (as well as addition, subtraction and division facts) are building blocks for many more complicated calculations so it is therefore very helpful if these can be learnt as facts as well as calculations. Times Table Rock Stars, promotes the learning of

times tables facts and is introduced in Year 2 running all the way through to the end of Year 6.

Children will be given a login to use in school and at home.

Learning to Read

Reading is taught through daily English lessons, as well as VIPERS lessons. Teachers give a high priority to the teaching of reading. This offers children the opportunity to build on the work they have done in previous year groups and continue to apply them in their reading and writing.



It is important that you read and share a variety of texts with your child, including fiction and non-fiction books, magazines, recipes, comics, shopping lists and much more.

Staff in Year 4



Mrs Harland

Hi, my name is Mrs Harland and I will be the year 4 teachers next year. This will be my 5th year teaching at Oxbridge Lane, most of which has been spent in Year 4. I am looking forward to meeting you all and getting to know you. We have lots of exciting things to learn and we even get to go on our first residential! I can't wait. We'll be starting off our year with my favourite topic, Egyptians and some big investigations in Science linked to our topic of States of



Mrs Lofthouse

Hello, I am Mrs Lofthouse and I have worked at Oxbridge Lane for a very long time. I am going to be one of the teaching assistants in Year 4 next year and I can't wait to work with you all again. I'm sure we will have lots of fun during transition week. I am really looking forward to learn all about the Egyptians and I'm super excited for our Residential trip!



Miss West

Hi, my name is Miss West. I have been working at Oxbridge lane for 18 years now. This was also my primary school! I have worked in all year groups from nursery to Year 6 and enjoy every class I go into. Every day there is something new and exciting to learn. I cannot wait to start in Year 4 with the children and staff. Roll on September!

School Uniform

Our uniform is important to us as it shows we are proud to be part of the Oxbridge family.

Our uniform is:

A green sweatshirt / cardigan
White polo shirt
Black or grey trousers / skirt
Sensible shoes
Book bag



For summer

Green gingham dresses
Black or grey shorts

For safety reasons please keep all jewellery at home.

PE Uniform

Children take part in 2 hours of PE each week. They should come to school wearing their PE clothes and will remain in them throughout the day.

PE Days in Year 4 are: **Tuesday and Friday**

Our PE kit is:

White t-shirt
Black shorts / jogging bottoms / leggings
Black jumper / hoody or school jumper.
Plimsolls or trainers



With many children misplacing their items, **PLEASE LABEL** all clothing clearly.

Uniform with our logo embroidered on can be ordered from

Elizabeth's Embroidery if you wish to do so.

Year 4 Curriculum

In Year 4, your child will continue to access the National Curriculum for Key Stage 2.

To find more information about the curriculum in Year 4, please visit the National Curriculum website at:

<https://www.gov.uk/national-curriculum/key-stage-1-and-2>



Topics Covered

Throughout Year 4, children will learn these foundation subjects:

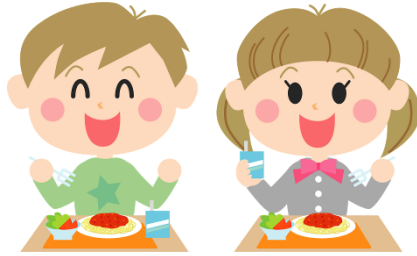
- Science
- History
- Geography
- Art and Design Technology (DT)
- Religious Education (RE)
- Physical Education (PE)
- Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE)
- Relationships and sex education (RSE) - age appropriate
- Music

The overview for the foundation subjects curriculum can be found on our school website.



Lunchtime

Lunchtime is a very sociable time. At Oxbridge Lane, children sit in the dining hall to eat lunch alongside their friends. We encourage the children to try all the food. The menu will be made available on our website.

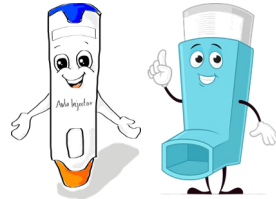


Food menus cater for vegetarians, medical dietary needs and allergies. We are also very happy to work with you and your child to make sure that they are able to eat the food on offer. We know that some children can be fussy, but we are committed to working with you to help your child enjoy a wider range of foods. The children drink water with their food.

Medicines

Asthma inhalers, epi-pens and other prescribed medication will be administered in school where necessary.

Please ask the School Office for the relevant permission form.



Homework

Children in Year 4 are expected to learn their weekly spellings, read each night and access TTRS daily to help improve their times table knowledge.

Getting your child ready for Year 4

You could support your child to be ready for Year 4 by:

Maths

Learn all the times tables to 12x12 and the related division facts.

English

Continue to read throughout the holidays (signs, magazines, books, comics, etc.)

Practise your cursive handwriting. Encourage your child to write throughout the holidays. (postcards, shopping lists, recounts of what they are doing)

School Hours

The school day begins at **8:45am**. Children will come into the playground to line up with their teacher.

Lunch starts at **12:30pm** and the afternoon session begins at **1:15pm**.

The school day ends at **3:15pm**.

Collecting Your Child

The playground gates will be opened at 8:40am and 3:10pm. Please wait outside the gates until a member of staff opens them.

At the end of the school day, children in Year 4 will line up on the playground and are asked not to go to their adult until a member of staff calls their name.

All children must be collected by a responsible adult who is known to the staff unless you have signed the relevant forms for them to be allowed to walk home alone.



Attendance and Punctuality

It is important that your child attends **on time every day** in order to reach their full potential and to get the best possible opportunities from our school.

If your child is unwell, it is important that you ring in and report your child's absence on the first day. If your child becomes ill during the school day, we will contact you. **Please ensure your contact details are kept up-to-date with the school office.**

School Rules

At Oxbridge Lane Primary School we have 3 school rules that are followed throughout school.

They are:

Be ready
Be respectful
Be safe

These simple rules are easy to follow and we encourage pupils to reflect on their own behaviour within school.

Working in Partnership

Workshops

We run a series of workshops throughout the year that parents may wish to attend.

Parents' Evenings

We hold one parent's evenings a year for you to meet with your child's teacher and review their learning journey.

End of Year Report

A written report is given to you towards the end of the summer term.

Keeping in Touch with You

SchoolComms

All letters and information that you receive from school are sent to you electronically via SchoolComms. We do need you to provide us with your email address so that we can use this system. If this is not a suitable method, we can send paper copies.

PLEASE make sure that you have signed and returned the SchoolComms permission form.

Website: www.oxbridgelane.org.uk

This is a very useful place to look for information. In emergencies, such as snowy weather, which may cause us to close the school, the website will keep you up to date. All letters sent by SchoolComms are also available to view on the website.

Newsletter

These are published regularly. This is how we keep you up to date on what is happening in school.

Oxbridge Lane Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

We are hoping to draw together friends of Oxbridge past and present. If you have ideas that could make this association grow, please get in touch and join in.

School telephone number: 01642 607421

School email address: oxbridgelane@sbcschools.org.uk

