

Silver Birch



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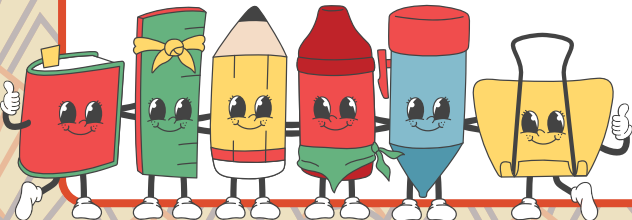
Hello and welcome to the first term of Year 4!

This letter will outline the main information you will need to know in order to ensure your child has a worry-free and enjoyable day at school each day.

If you find yourself with any questions, would like to inform me of anything related to your child or have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me on the class email address (silverbirches@harcourt.kent.sch.uk) and I will get back to you.

Thank you in advance for your support this year.

Mrs MacWatt



Equipment

As you will be aware from the newsletter your child brought home with them after their Year 4 transition morning at the end of the last school year, your child does not need to bring stationery/a pencil case with them to school as this has been provided for them. They will however need to have a pencil at home in order for them to be able to complete their homework.



Water & Snacks

All children will need a water bottle (please not the Stanley cup type as they spill easily) and a healthy break time snack to keep their brains alert.



Homework

Handed out: Friday each week
Handed in: The following Wednesday

Who are we?

The adults in Silver Birch Class are:
Mrs MacWatt - Class Teacher
Mrs Murray - Class TA
Mrs Wellard - I:1 support

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This Term's Learning...

English

This term we will be basing our English learning around the text 'The Wild Robot' by Peter Brown. Alongside our writing and reading comprehension, we will be continuing to develop our love of reading through exploring class novels together. Our daily Book Talk sessions will focus on the following areas: Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explanation, Retrieval & Summarising.

Maths

We will be starting the year with a focus on Place Value, Addition and Subtraction. The children will have the opportunity to demonstrate their understanding through arithmetic-based tasks as well as in reasoning activities. As you may be aware, Year 4 is the year where the children will complete their statutory Multiplication Tables Check, taken by all 8/9 year olds in June 2026, so we will have a focus on quick and random recall of multiplication facts from the 2-12 times tables; this is something you could support your child with at home throughout the year.

Foundation Subjects

Art – Illustration: Quentin Blake

Computing – Online safety

History – Anglo Saxon Britain

MFL – Revision of Yr 3, how we get to school & the weather

Music – Charanga Unit: Mamma Mia

PSHE – Jigsaw Unit: Being Me in My World

RE – What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?

PE – Dance & Netball

Science - Animals including Humans

Key Dates

Fri 19 th Sept	Non-uniform day for Cancer Research
Wed 8 th Oct	SEND coffee afternoon
Thurs 9 th Oct	Wear yellow for Young Minds
Thurs 9 th Oct	Flu jabs
Fri 10 th Oct	Harvest festival
Tues 14 th Oct	School photos
Tues 14 th Oct	Parent consultations 3.30-6pm
Thurs 16 th Oct	Parent consultations 3.30-6.30pm
Thurs 16 th Oct	Re-start a heart (bring a teddy)
Fri 17 th Oct	End of term
Mon 27 th Oct	INSET Day (school closed to children)

