

Homework

- At the end of each week a homework sheet listing activities to complete throughout the following week will be available on the school's website and in the classroom window.
- In Year 4, children are expected to complete between 15 to 20 minutes of homework each night.
- Children should be encouraged to read daily for 15-20 minutes (preferably aloud to an adult).
- Homework recorded in books should be completed over the weekend and returned the following Monday. Homework tasks that do not need to be recorded should be practiced throughout the week.
- Please note that the quality of homework should be of an excellent standard.
- It must be completed in a blue handwriting pen.
- Illustrations should be drawn carefully using a sharp pencil and coloured in neatly using sharp colouring pencils (not felt tip pens).
- The date and title for each piece of homework should be written and underlined using a ruler.
- Homework books should be brought into school every Monday.

Times-Tables

Towards the end of Year 4, children will take the national **multiplication tables** test. This tests the children's quick recall of questions on times-tables 2 to 12. We will have meetings and messages throughout the year to keep you informed about your child's progress.

Praise and encourage your child whenever the opportunity arises, even for small achievements.

Thank you for your support



**St. Stephen's School
and Children's Centre**
Learning for life

Year 4

Class Information and Expectations

Teachers

**Miss Sarah Hooper, Mrs Amina Qureshi, Mr Montell Shaw, Miss
Laura Hudson**

Support Staff

**Mrs Jashubai Halai, Mrs Bela Patel, Mrs Jahida Rima, Mrs
Stephanie Christian**

Moving into Year 4 is a special step for your child as they are now in their final year of Lower Key Stage 2. Here are a few guidelines to support your child's learning throughout this year.

Attendance and Punctuality

Pupils are expected to attend school each day however if your child is absent please inform the school office (02084727575) as soon as possible.

Please try to arrange necessary appointments out of school hours. If your child has a necessary medical appointment during school hours, please take the appointment letter to the school office before the day of the appointment.

Please see the website for regular updates about school timings in this current climate.

It is important that your child arrives at school and is collected on time.

Holidays in Term Time

Please note that the school keeps strictly to the national and Newham policies regarding extended holidays.

As we come back from a global pandemic and school closures, we want to ensure that our pupils maintain an outstanding attendance. Our school target for all pupils is 100% attendance percentage.

This academic year, no extended leave will be granted unless there are exceptional circumstances.

P.E.

We advise that your child bring their P.E. kit to school every Monday and leave it at school until the Friday so that it is ready for all sessions.

Swimming

Year 4 children will attend two blocks of two weeks long, daily swimming lessons. A letter to confirm dates go out separately. It is a legal requirement that all children attend swimming sessions.

Your child must have:

- Swim shorts or trunks (boys) or swimsuit (girls)
- A swimming hat. The leisure centre **WILL NOT ALLOW** a child to swim without one.
- If your child wears studs to school, please ensure that they are removed before swimming sessions.

FOR INDOOR P.E. (and outdoor summer lessons)

- White T-shirt
- Black shorts
- Black leggings optional for girls
- Black plimsolls
- Black Sweatshirt (purchased from Ian Howard)

OUTDOOR P.E. (Autumn/Spring)

- White T-shirt (school sweatshirt if cold)
- Black leggings/ black tracksuit bottoms
- Trainers

NOTE: Your child should be wearing shoes with laces, and is expected to know how to tie them up.

School lunches

A healthy lunch is necessary for your child to maintain their energy and concentration levels throughout the afternoon classes. School Dinners are free of charge. We offer a vegan, vegetarian or white meat (Halal) and fish option for your child to choose from. Milk is also provided. Please inform staff of any additional dietary requirements such as allergies.

Fruit Tuck Shop

To encourage our children to eat healthily, we also offer a fruit tuck shop where pupils can purchase fruit for 20p.

School uniform

All children must wear the St. Stephen's school uniform.
The school sweatshirt is in 3 colours
Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - Blue
Year 3 and 4 - Purple
Year 5 and 6 - Red

School sweatshirts are available via:

Ian Howard Uniform Shop, 409 Barking Rd, London E6 2JT
<https://www.ianhowardschoolwear.com/>

Each item of uniform must be clearly marked with the pupil's full name.

English guidance

- Ensure that your child reads, writes and learns his/her spellings.
- Encourage your child to use neat and legible joined handwriting.
- Talk to your child using interesting and detailed vocabulary. This will help with their writing.
- Read to your child in any language.
- Listen to your child read daily but encourage independent reading also.
- Key texts for this age group include novels by Michael Morpurgo and JK Rowling.
- Ask your child to retell the story.
- Encourage your child to read carefully and with expression.
- Join the local Library and attend the school learning library held on Friday mornings.
- Make up stories with your child. Remind them to use full stops and capital letters with neat, clear handwriting. Encourage your child to use exciting and interesting vocabulary.
- Encourage your child to define unfamiliar words using a dictionary or www.dictionary.com

Spellings

Below is the list of Core Words that children in year 4 should be able to read, define, spell and use appropriately.

accidentally	continue	government	occur	straight
accommodate	criticise	guard	ordinary	strange
answer	curiosity	guide	peculiar	strength
appear	disappear	hindrance	position	suppose
believe	disastrous	height	possession	surprise
breath	environment	imagine	possible	therefore
breathe	exercise	increase	potatoes	though
bruise	excellent	island	pressure	although
business	extreme	knowledge	prejudice	thought
calendar	famous	library	profession	through
communicate	favourite	medicine	rhythm	various
conscience	experiment	mention	reign	weight
controversy	frequently	naughty	sentence	woman
certain	foreign	necessary	separate	women
complete	forty	occasionally	special	

Maths guidance

Your child should be able to:

- Add or subtract mentally pairs of two-digit whole numbers (e.g. 47 58, 91 35).
- Use both the column addition and column subtraction written methods using hundreds and thousands.
- Use knowledge of rounding, number operations and inverses to estimate and check calculations.
- Know by heart all of the times-tables up to 12 x 12 and number bonds to 10, 20, 100 and 1000.
- Tell the time and an analogue clock.
- Partition, round and order four-digit whole numbers; use positive and negative numbers in context and position them on a number line.
- Visualise 3-D objects from 2-D drawings; make nets of common solids.
- Here are some useful website which can support your child with their times table this year:

www.mathshed.com

www.trockstars.com

www.prof123.com

Children have been given their usernames and passwords for these websites.