

THE ORATORY PREP SCHOOL

Literacy Information

Year 4

We will cover

- Reading
- Spelling and Phonics
- Scheme of Work
- Assessment
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**"You're never
too old, too wacky, too wild,
to pick up a book and
read to a child."**
-Dr. Seuss

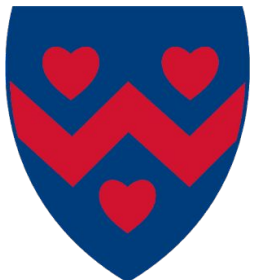


The MORE
that you read,
the MORE things
you will know.
The MORE that you
Learn,
the MORE places you'll go.



'Countless studies show that reading for pleasure develops creativity, empathy and intelligence, and is crucial for future academic success, mental health and even later economic success...'

Cressida Cowell - former Children's Laureate



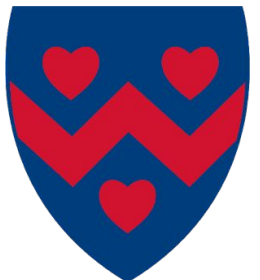
Reading

Reading is one of the most important life skills a child develops.

We have a reading scheme (up to stage 16) which some of your children will follow; especially in the Autumn Term. The class teacher and/or Teaching Assistant (TA) will move your child onto the next stage when they are ready, but we are aware that this needs to be two-way and we value your input if a book is too easy/tricky or your child is not engaged.

Reading Records

Our reading scheme is a trusted collection of fiction and non-fiction books with a variety of writing styles and genres. It is important that while making reading progress your child has the right level of support or challenge to build confidence, develop comprehension skills and, ultimately, to love to read. Also, it is important that 'chapter/free' reading books are quality texts and build vocabulary.



It is important to ensure reading to an adult remains a relaxed, enjoyable experience and not a battle.

Other ways to engage children with reading:

- Subtitles on the TV and no volume!
- Cooking - getting the children involved in selecting a recipe and following the instructions
- Crafting, lego, playing board games or following instructions to achieve a task
- Days out as a family e.g. going to a museum or zoo and reading the information about what they are seeing.



School Library

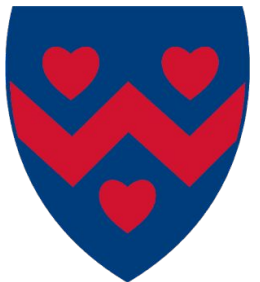
Mrs Phillips will take 4L and 4S during their Library lesson, unless they are at a Match. Please can every child have their library book in school on **Tuesdays**.

The children are able to have one book scanned out at a time and this book can be taken home or kept in school.

Please treasure school books, sadly some have come back damaged or have missing protective covers.

There will also be an opportunity for your child to visit the Library during a break when our Parent Library Volunteer will be available. Also, there will be a Library Drop-In on a Wednesday in the Autumn Term for parents and children.

Our Library's collection has a rich variety of texts - fiction and non-fiction.



Audiobooks

Oxfordshire County Council Libraries - eBooks and eAudio - download eBooks and eAudio titles to your computer or portable device.

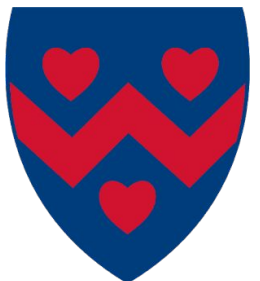
Fiction and non-fiction titles can be borrowed for free with your library card. Borrow up to ten titles from OverDrive and BorrowBox for up to three weeks (then renew).

(Only Oxfordshire County Council library members with active accounts can access this service; however, it is free for anyone to join.)

OverDrive - Libby app

BorrowBox app

...or pay for Audible...



Spelling

Spelling and the development of spelling go hand in hand with reading, the more our children read the greater their access to and recognition of words - then in turn their spelling develops.

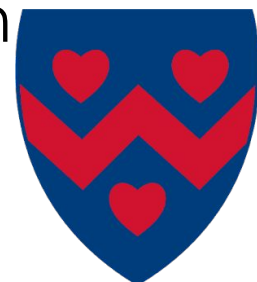
The children will have a weekly **Friday** spelling test.

Their test will go home in their spelling folder.

They will receive a copy of their spellings to learn for the next test in their spelling folder.

We will have ability groups - Purple, Blue and Yellow and you can find the relevant assignments and games linked to their weekly spellings in Spelling Shed. **Please** can spelling folders come back to school every **Friday**.

NB There will also be handwriting lessons and an occasional dictation (linking our spellings).



Handwriting

We will have handwriting lessons; if your child arrives 8.10/8.15 they may continue their handwriting or read.

There is no brand of ink pen that we recommend.

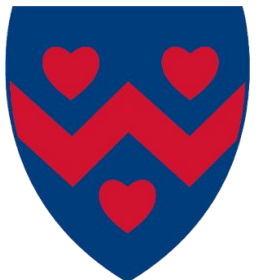
Many children have Parker or inexpensive ones from WHS, Tesco or JS. These are good while they are learning to write in ink.

LAMY pens start at £17 and as there are many in school it is vital that every part of the pen is named. These are special and a good reward for gaining a Pen Licence.

Plenty of cartridges please. As above, all pens named.

If a child is left-handed, we recommend the STABILO brand, these tend to be more of a roller-ball than ink, as ink smudges for some left-handed children.

There is also a STABILO EASYbirdy School fountain pen for left or right handed children.



Delete Assignment(s)

Detach from Set

	Title	Set	From	Expiry	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Assignment MATHSHED <i>Stage 4 - Spring Block 4 - Decimals - End of Block Assessment</i>		26/04/2022 08:30	26/04/2022 14:00	Details ▾
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<input type="checkbox"/>	UK 11 Fractions - Assessment V2 QUIZ <i>Stage 4 - Spring Block 3 - Fractions - End of Block Assessment</i>		15/03/2022 00:00	23/04/2022 00:00	Details ▾
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Spelling Shed

Spelling Challenge

UPPER and Lower

Write each of your words out
two times.

Write in **UPPERCASE** the first time
and in **lowercase** the second time.

LITERACY literacy



Spelling Challenge

Joined-Up Writing

First, write out your words in
normal writing.

Next, write them again in
joined-up writing.

literacy literacy



Spelling Challenge

Rainbow Words

Write your words out in pencil.
Next, draw around each letter
five more times using a different
coloured pencil.

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Spelling Challenge

Pyramid Writing

Write each of your words
like a pyramid:



s
so
some
some



Spelling Challenge

Fancy Letters

Write each of your words using **fancy writing**.
Your letters could be curly
or dotty... or whatever you decide!

happy



Spelling Challenge

Join the Dots

Write each of your words using **dots**.
Then, **join the dots** with a coloured
pencil to make your word.

HELLO

ink saving

Eco

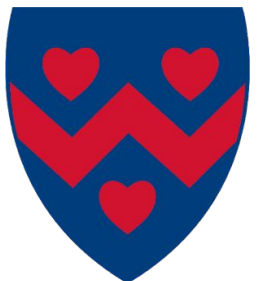
Scheme of Work

A literary rich curriculum is at the heart of our teaching, with a variety of texts. These texts are age appropriate and cover themes linked to our topic.

In English/Literacy, we cover a range of writing styles, ensuring that we cover the National Curriculum content for Year 4, while including 'hooks' into lessons. There will be Gifted and Talented greater depth provision and support/ differentiation where needed.

Types of lessons covered:

- Creative writing and paired writing
- Freeze frames and drama
- Story mapping - drawing what you imagine
- Editing, improving and developing
- Class reader
- Comprehension, grammar and punctuation skills



Assessment

- Weekly Friday **spelling test**
- The children complete **CAT4** (Cognitive Abilities Test Fourth Edition) testing in September giving us standardised scores. CAT4 is a suite of tests developed to support schools/parents in understanding students' **likely academic potential**.
- **NGRT** - New Group Reading Test - GL Assessment is twice a year
- **PTE** - Progress Test in English - GL Assessment - May/June

Please can children have named headphones and their device in school (charged up) every day. They need to come home every night.

Also, we have an **ATOM** Learning platform which has Verbal Reasoning (VR), Non-Verbal Reasoning (NVR) and Maths (Q). The children will have login details and we have dedicated ATOM lessons for VR and NVR. The children enjoy ATOM and as it is adaptive, please do not complete it for them if they are completing some at home or in the holidays.

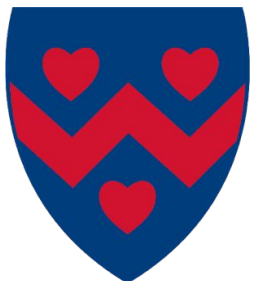
(Your child's Maths teacher may use/set Maths on ATOM.)



Websites and Apps

To further support your child, the following websites/apps may be of interest:

- [Oxford Owl for Home](#)
- [Spelling and Grammar, English Games for 7-11 Years - Topmarks](#)
- [KS2 English - BBC Bitesize](#)
- [Bookfinder: find children's books for every age | BookTrust](#)
- [eBooks and eAudio | Oxfordshire County Council](#)
- [Families - World Book Day](#)
- [Children's Poetry Archive](#)
- [Best Books for Year 4 | Ages 8-9 | The Reader Teacher](#)
- Spelling Shed
- [Spelling App - Squeebles Spelling Test](#)
- ATOM Learning



Misc:

Reading Record - Google Form on Google Classroom.

We will be at the red gates for most of the 5.00 pickups.

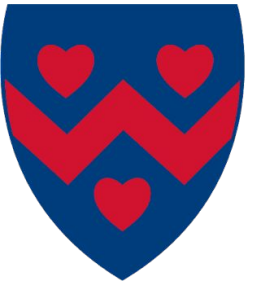
Chromebook devices, chargers and headphones daily.

A mouse is optional, but they are a great help.

Pencil cases: sharp HB pencils, an ink pen and plenty of cartridges, ruler, rubbers, sharpeners, coloured pencils. All **clearly labelled**.



*Do
not
hesitate
to
ask
us
questions
now
and
in
the
future!*



Please bring your child's device to our Maths presentation.

Taken out:

SUPERSONIC
Phonic Friends

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