



## Year 3 / 4 Parent Info

Dear Parent/Carer,

As a team we have compiled a list of information which you may find useful about the year (or 2 years) ahead in year 3/4. We hope it's useful but if you have further questions please do not hesitate to contact us in person or via email (listed below).

### **Seesaw**

All of our class Seesaw accounts have been set up and you should have had a new invitation sent home. If you have not please let your class teacher know. We use Seesaw primarily as a retrieval tool for the children to remember prior learning, but also as a means of communicating learning with people at home and sharing individual and class achievements.

### **Little Wandle**

Year 3 children who are working on Little Wandle will be reassessed and grouped in September, this allows us to ensure they are continuing to work and make progress in their daily targeted teaching sessions.

### **Accelerated Reader**

If your child has moved on from Little Wandle, in year 3 and 4 we use Accelerated Reader to assess your child's reading ability and track their progress. They take comprehension quizzes on which indicate their reading ability and corresponding book level. They are reassessed every few months to check when they need to be reading more challenging texts. Once assessed, books go home to read with adults at home and need to come back into school to be used in school, when your child finishes a book they do a short comprehension quiz to check their understanding at school.

### **Reading diaries**

We would love to read what you and your child have been reading at home, it would be great if they could read their reading book to you but feel free to write any other reading you have been doing together! We need reading diaries and their books to come back into school as they are used daily.

### **PE kit**

Please could your child have their PE kit in school at all times, including trainers.

### **Homework/Spellings**

There will be optional homework tasks uploaded to the class pages on the school website every half term for your child to complete at home if they would like to. Additionally, we will upload our weekly spelling lists which we will learn and practise in school but have moved away from a formal spelling test. We would encourage daily reading and times table practice.

### **Times tables check**

In year 4 the children undertake a formal times tables assessment in the summer term. This tests all the children's times tables under timed conditions. We do LOTS of preparation for

this in class but would encourage times table practise using Times Tables Rockstars logins, or times table quizzes at home, particularly as this approaches.

### **Parent/Carer helpers**

We have got quite large classes so would really appreciate any volunteers for parent/carer/grandparent helpers for walking/trips if you have any availability or would like to be involved. Please email you class teacher or sign up at the open afternoon – thank you!!

We are really looking forward to an exciting year ahead with you children!

If you have any further questions or need to get in touch for any reason please contact us on the emails below:

Juniper Class: Mrs John: [sjohn@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:sjohn@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

Mountain Ash Class: Mr Monro: [kmonro@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:kmonro@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

Willow Class: Mrs Barton-Wilkes and Miss Sharpe:

[vbarton@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:vbarton@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

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Best wishes,

Year 3/4 Team