

WELCOME
to year 4!

The classes are:



4 Giraffe



4 Zebra



4 Meerkat



4 Tiger



4 Leopard

The teachers in our year group are:

4 Giraffe



Mrs O'Donnell



Mrs Horton

4 Meerkat



Miss Wyatt

4 Zebra



Mrs Lamb



Mrs Young

4 Tiger



Miss Dipietro

4 Leopard



Mr Lewis

4 Giraffe



My name is Mrs O'Donnell and I will be teaching you on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

My favourite subjects are maths, PE and science.

In my spare time, I like to keep fit and walk my dog Mosie.



My name is Mrs Horton and I will be teaching you on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

My favourite subjects are English and history.

In my spare time, I like reading and baking.

One of the special things about Year 4 is that all of our classes are named after animals!

Have you ever tried to draw one of these animals?

Use these video tutorials to have a go at drawing your class animal by yourself!
Could you have a go at another as well?



Giraffe:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2nr587hSR7o>



Meerkat:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qZD5Nfyk3Co>



Leopard:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-U1GOirKelw>



Zebra:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3z3CIG9eM0E>



Tiger:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kAx8-pFj2CU>





Miss Wyatt and Mrs Horton are your Year Leaders for Year 4 next year.

This means that, as well as looking after our own classes, we will be around to help all of you with lots of different things during the year. We want to hear from your teachers about the wonderful work you have been doing. You might even get a special sticker from us for it!

Miss Wyatt already knows lots of you and she is looking forward to spending more time with you.

Mrs Horton is very excited to meet you and can't wait to get to know you all!

Here are the classrooms you will be working in:



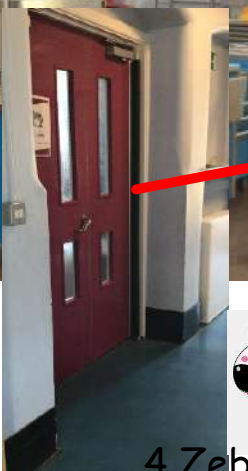
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(by the servery)

This is an example of what our timetable could look like:

8:20 - 8:35 Gates open for Year 4

8:35 Register

8:40 Maths

9:45 Break time

10:05 English

11:30 - 12:30 Lunch time

12:30 ERIC

1:00 Foundation (history, science, geography, computing, art, French, PE)

3:00 Home time



In Year 4, we study some really interesting topics such as:



The Ancient Egyptians



Map Skills



Electricity



World War Two



Families



E-Safety and Programming



Habitats



The Vikings

Which topic are you looking forward to learning about?

What are you looking forward to most about next year?

PE and Games lessons

exciting topics

singing

seeing friends

becoming a playground pal

class assemblies

Bug Club

maths lessons

house points

TT Rockstars

Can you draw a crystal ball?

Inside, add some pictures or write about the things you are looking forward to.



Letter writing

The teachers have written a letter to you to tell you all about them...



Mrs Horton's letter



Dear 4 Giraffe,

I am writing to you to introduce myself. My name is Mrs Horton and I am going to be one of your teachers in Year 4.

My favourite subjects are English and history. I love learning about the different ways that people lived in the past and I like to imagine what my life would have been like if I had lived in a different time. I also love English because I enjoy reading lots of different types of books and I love writing stories.

In my spare time, like to bake. My favourite thing to bake is bread because it tastes delicious when it is fresh out of the oven. My children love eating the bread, however they would rather that I made cakes all the time instead! When I'm not baking or playing with my children, I love to read. My favourite books are the Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling. I enjoy the magic and the adventures that the main characters go on. What are your favourite books?

I would really like it if you could write a letter back to me. It would be great to know what hobbies you have, what your favourite subject is and anything else you would like me to know about you! I can't wait for your reply!

From,

Mrs Horton

Mrs O'Donnell's letter



Dear Giraffe,

I am writing to you to introduce myself. My name is Mrs O'Donnell and I am going to be your teacher in Year 4. I am looking forward to getting to know you and teaching you next year.

When I was at primary and secondary school, I found maths really hard but kept persevering. Now, it is now my favourite subject to teach! Also, I love teaching science! In year 4, we learn about the digestive system and get to make pretend stomachs - yuck but fun!

As well as reading a lot, in my spare time I go to dance fitness classes and enjoy going to the gym. When I was younger, I used to do lots of drama and dance so I am very enthusiastic when we do drama in our lessons!

At home, I have two pets. I have a Jack Russell called Mosie and a cat called Mr Jinx. Every day, I take Mosie out for walks but she doesn't like the rain. She is also very naughty when she spots a postman! I don't see my cat very much as he likes to be outside all day long - we have to make sure he is in at night as he likes to scrap with the neighbour's cat!

Next year, I am looking forward to having a new class and getting to know all of you! I would really like it if you could write a letter back to me. It would be great to know what hobbies you have and what you are looking forward to next year.

From,

Mrs O'Donnell

Mrs Horton's letter



What did I include in my letter?

Dear 4 Giraffe,

Why am I writing?

I am writing to you to introduce myself. My name is Mrs Horton and I am going to be one of your teachers in Year 4.

What are my favourite subjects?

My favourite subjects are English and history. I love learning about the different ways that people lived in the past and I like to imagine what my life would have been like if I had lived in a different time. I also love English because I enjoy reading lots of different types of books and I love writing stories.

Why do I like these subjects?

What I like to get up to in my spare time?

In my spare time, I like to bake. My favourite thing to bake is bread because it tastes delicious when it is fresh out of the oven. My children love eating the bread, however they would rather that I made cakes all the time instead! When I'm not baking or playing with my children, I love to read. My favourite books are the Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling. I enjoy the magic and the adventures that the main characters go on. What are your favourite books?

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From,

Mrs Horton

How have I ended my letter?

How you could structure your letter?

On the next 3 pages are suggestions about how you could structure your letter.

Each English table colour has a structure you can follow to help you write your wonderful letter! (Use your colours from Year 3!)



How you could structure your letter?



Blue writing tables

Use this scaffold with sentence starters to help you...



The parts in red you need to change to what your own answers are.

Dear Mrs O'Donnell and Mrs Horton,

I am Henry and I am writing to tell you about myself.

My favourite subjects are art and history.

I like art because I enjoy drawing.

I like history because I like learning about the past.

I have some exciting hobbies. They include swimming and cycling. I enjoy cycling because I get to

go outside with my family.

After school/ At the weekend I enjoy baking because

I get to enjoy yummy cakes afterwards!

I am looking forward to being in your class next year because

I am looking forward to getting to know you!

From Henry

How you could structure your letter?

Green and Yellow writing tables



Use this scaffold with sentence starters to help you...



These are suggestions for how you could start your sentences.

Dear _____,

I am _____ and I am writing to... (Why are you writing?)

My favourite subject/ A subject I enjoy/ There are a few subjects I enjoy which include... because... (What is your favourite subject and Why?)

Also,/ In addition, / Furthermore, (What other subjects do you like and why?)

In my spare time,/ At the weekend,/ When I have some free time, /After school, (What do you like to do in your spare time?)

Also,/ In addition, / Furthermore, (What else do you enjoy doing? - Try and use a different sentence opener)

At home, I live with.../ In my family there are... (Tell me about your family and your pets)

Next year/ When we go back to school/ I am looking forward to... (What are you looking forward to next year?)

Although I am looking forward to next year,... /Despite being happy about starting next year.../ I am a little worried about next year because... (Is there anything you are worried about?)

From _____.

How you could structure your letter?

Red and Orange
writing tables

Use this scaffold with sentence starters to help you...



Here are a variety of sentence openers
to use...Think about when they will be
most appropriate!

Why are you writing?

What is your favourite subject?

Why do you like this subject?

What other subject do you like and why?

What do you like to do in your spare time?

What are your hobbies

What else do you enjoy doing?

Tell me about your family and your pets.

What are you looking forward to next
year?

Is there anything you are worried about?

Interestingly,

Surprisingly,

Also,

In addition,

Furthermore,

Next year,

Challenge:

However,

Although,

Shockingly,

As well as this,

Despite the fact

I....,

Even though I...

What else could you add to your letter?

You could include:

Pictures/drawings of your hobbies!



Make sure you use your best handwriting
or type it up on the computer at home!



We are really looking forward to you
sending us your letters so we can hear all
about you!



**E-mail your teacher with your letter and the
other art work you have completed.**

Mrs Horton's email address is:

kate.horton@ludlowjunior.org.uk

Mrs O'Donnell's email address is:

naomi.odonnell@ludlowjunior.org.uk

We're really looking forward to seeing your work
and meeting you in person soon!