

## Year 3 to Year 4 Transition – Information for Parents and Carers 2016-17

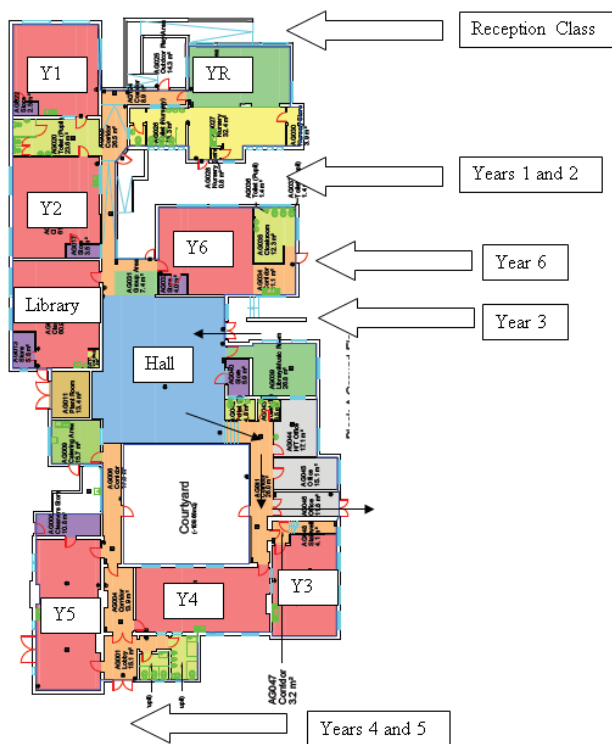
### General

- Miss Kirkham will be teaching Year 4
- Mrs Muttitt and Mrs Clements will be the Teaching Assistants
- Due to the reorganization of some parts of the school, the children will be moving to a new classroom (see plan below)

### Daily Organisation:

- The school day begins at 8.50am - doors open at 8.40am
- Registration ends at 8.55am and all children should be in school by this time
- Children should enter the building and classroom through the external doors at the front of the school (see plan below). They hang their coats / bags at the first set of pegs as they come through the doors
- Morning Break: 10.20-10.35am; Children are encouraged to bring in a healthy snack for break time, this should be a piece of fruit, cereal bar or yoghurt tube; chocolate, crisps and fizzy drinks are not acceptable.
- Lunch: 12.15-1.15pm;
- End of day: 3.15pm. The children will leave through the front external doors. The teacher will supervise the children as they leave and will follow them outside. Please tell your child whether you want them to walk to the playground to meet you or stay with the teacher at the front of the school

### Locations of Classrooms and Pick-up / Drop-off Points



### Uniform & Personal Belongings:

- Please make sure all your child's belongings are clearly named. There is a lost property box near the office
- Please encourage your child to bring in their named water bottle each day
- Please note the changes to our uniform policy (<http://www.wildmoorheath.org.uk/ForParents/School-Uniform/>). We expect all children to look smart in their uniform and to bring an appropriate PE kit into school
- They also need a change of shoes to wear on the field

## Curriculum

- Children start the National Curriculum in Year 4– details of what is taught can be found on the website: <http://www.wildmoorheath.org.uk/Children/Year-4/>
- Most subjects other than English and Mathematics are taught through the ‘International Primary Curriculum’ (IPC) – details are on the website: <http://www.wildmoorheath.org.uk/OurSchool/Curriculum/>

## Homework

- The following tasks are usually on-going and/or weekly:
  - Read daily (working on their reading targets) and / or using Bug Club;
  - Learn spellings (see National Curriculum Appendix 1);
  - Learn and / or practice x3, x4 and x8 (Y3) and up to 12x12 (Y4) multiplication tables;
  - Weekly Abacus Mathematics Activity linked to area of numeracy being taught; In most cases,
  - the task will involve ‘using and applying’ the skills learnt, investigation and / or problem solving;
- International Primary Curriculum (IPC) Project:
  - Linked to current theme, so extends and deepens work done in class; Also provides an opportunity to apply literacy and numeracy skills across the curriculum and to further develop skills in other subjects;
  - Children are given a research project each half term linked to their IPC topic.
  - They are given a choice about what they specifically research within the theme and how they present their work. They are usually given 4-5 weeks to complete the project, but are given advice about how to break the tasks into weekly steps. This provides parents the flexibility for home learning to be done weekly or over a longer period to suit their specific needs and helps develop the children’s time management and planning skills.
  - Home learning is marked and feedback given a variety of ways. It is included in the IPC celebration of learning at the end of the unit.

## Reading & Library Books

- Most children will have group ‘guided reading’ in Year 4. This happens daily and during the week your child will work independently and with the teacher or TA. Some children will continue to have 1:1 reading sessions and there will be other reading opportunities in Literacy lessons
- Children should continue to bring their reading book / record to school each day
- Your child will have regular opportunities to choose and bring home a library and / or reading books. Each class will have an allocated library time to change books. There are also reading books in the classroom – these are colour coded to match the reading target cards. Children are welcome to borrow these books too

## Communication

- We are always happy to talk to you to discuss any issues. After school is the preferred time for discussion – in the mornings we expect children to come into school independently and we like to make a prompt start to lessons
- Messages, letters, money etc can be handed in at the office
- There will be a parent information evening in September and formal parent consultations in January and June. A written report will be sent home in July
- For up to date news and information, see the school website (<http://www.wildmoorheath.org.uk/>) and follow us on Twitter (@WildmoorHeath). Don’t forget to download the school’s app!

Miss Kirkham, Mrs Muttitt and Mrs Clements