

YEAR 4 INFORMATION

2025 - 2026



Meet the Team!

4C : Miss Cashin (Teacher) and Miss Ball (LSA)

**4R: Miss Randall (Teacher) and Mrs Whellams (LSA)
With Miss Nicula & Miss Cutmore**

4G: Mrs Grimley (Teacher) and Miss Manoli (LSA)

The Year 4 Team work very closely with each other and regularly teach each other's classes so that the children often have the same teaching and learning opportunities in Foundation Subjects.

What does Year 4 look like?

We cover 3 exciting and engaging topics throughout the year which are outlined below:

Autumn: Express Yourself (Art Focus)

Inspirational people through time and how they have expressed themselves. Authentic outcome - painting party in the hall

Spring: Battles and Beasts (History and Geography Focus)

What impact have the Vikings had on the world? Authentic outcome - Viking enrichment day with a Viking expert!

Summer: Conservation (Design Technology Focus)

What can we do to protect and preserve the planet? Authentic outcome – Colchester Zoo Conservation Talk and Trashionshow (This will look different to previous years, information to follow)

Year 4 Trips and Events

In Year 4, we often have many trips that feed into our topics and enrich the children's learning experience.

Below is list of a trips and events we have provisionally booked or hope to organise.

Painting Party (no cost) - December 2025

Pantomime - (£20 roughly per child) 17th December 2025

Viking Day (£4 roughly per child) – 22nd January 2026

Colchester Zoo (£20 roughly per child) – 30th April 2026

Praise

We will try to build self-esteem, confidence, understanding and a sense of motivation and determination in all pupils, so we will praise the children in many ways.



verbal praise



sharing
assemblies



stickers



Pride of
presentation



certificates



house points



merit stars or
merits



Head Teacher's
Commendation

Merit Stars in Year 4

We strongly believe in promoting and encouraging positive learning behaviour, so to reward children we have introduced a system of merit stars.

This system of stars has been hugely successful in recent years as a motivational tool to encourage a positive attitude to both classwork and homework as well as rewarding high standards of behaviour both in the classroom and around the school.

The children can earn a star for completing homework, doing extra learning at home, excellent work in class, outstanding behaviour as well as demonstrating the school's values such as determination and resilience.

If the children earn 10 merit stars in a week, they will receive a merit (providing they have completed their homework that week and followed school/class rules)

Behavioural Management System

We follow the school's behavioural policy which can be found on the school's website

The sanctions we use are in line with the school's behavioural policy include :

Warnings for repeated disruption or minor inappropriate behaviour.

Yellow and Red Slips – for more serious incidents

Behavioural Charts

Restorative Justice

Vision Statement for PE

Our vision for Physical education at Henry Moore School is to ensure every child will develop life skills to be physically literate and life-long, active learners with positive attitudes towards physical education and sporting activities.

Your child's PE days are:

Indoor PE: Monday

Outdoor PE: Tuesday

On these days, it is expected that your child arrives to school in their full PE kit ready for the day.

Acceptable PE Uniform



- Please teach your child to tie their own laces.
- Jewellery, head bands and watches should not be worn.
- Long hair must be tied back in reference to the Essex PE Policy.
- Earrings must be removed; **they cannot be covered by tape.**

Swimming



- Each class will attend a 10 week course designed to improve their swimming skills. This will replace their indoor PE session for those 10 weeks.
- The indoor PE curriculum repeats so that there will be an opportunity for the class that is swimming to experience the all the key elements such as dance, gymnastics etc.
- It will be on a Monday morning and your child should come to school in their PE kit.
- They will need to bring their **swimming kit, hat and towel in a separate bag.**
- The children will need to be slick at dressing themselves including tying their own laces if they choose to wear them.
- Autumn Term – 4G
- Spring Term 4C
- Summer Term 4R
- 4R fees £4 per week can be paid through out the Autumn Term.
- 4C/4R There is the option for parents to spread the cost across the year. s

Attendance

New legislation and Statutory guidance in relation to Leave of Absence and addressing absence from school came in last year (2024).

- A leave of absence will only be granted where there are **exceptional circumstances** and **must be requested in advance**.
- Please provide office staff with as much detail as you can when phoning in for absence. Office staff will ring back if detail is insufficient.
- Teachers / LSAs will check in with children who have been absent to ensure they are feeling well enough on their return to school and help them to feel supported.

Maintaining Good Attendance



- Establish a good routine in the mornings and evenings so your child is prepared for the school day ahead.
- Ensure your child arrives at school on time
- Arrange dental and medical appointments outside school hours where possible.
- Always inform the school if your child is absent due to illness.
- Take family holidays outside term time – not doing so may result in a penalty notice.
- Talk to your child about school and take an interest in their schoolwork (including homework).
- Praise and reward your child's achievements at school (however small).
- Discuss any problems or difficulties with the school – staff are there to help and will be supportive.

For further information, please find the guidance on our School's Website

<u>Descriptor</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Excellent	99-100%
Good	96-98%
Cause for concern	91-95%
Unsatisfactory	86-90%
Critical	85% or below

Essex County Council attendance descriptors.

Homework



If your child attends afterschool club or breakfast club at Henry Moore, we can arrange for the children to do their practice on a school device if you prefer. Just let us know.

- **Reading** (at least 5 times per week recorded in their Reading Records)
- **Spellings** – Set on a Friday via Ed Shed. We expect 10 games as a minimum per week to be played on the assignment.
- **-Times table rockstars** (As a minimum 5 minutes per day, or 25 minutes over the week)

If there are any issues with homework, we encourage the children to pro-actively ask for help to develop their independence. We are able to provide paper copies of spelling/ times table work if required.



Bug Club

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Reading Tips

The children earn 1 merit star for reading on 5 days and 2 merit stars if they read on all 7 days in the week

- Reading continues to be important- It really is the KEY to everything . **Reading at least 5 times a week**, is the expectation and a good way to earn merit stars!
- DO Include questioning and discussion time, even if your child has read to themselves.
- TRY to ask questions about the characters and their feelings or actions to check your child's understanding.
- DISCUSS and discover new vocabulary and its meaning.
- Alongside their colour banded book, they can of course read other texts that interest them! Reading for pleasure is equally as important.
- The children will have access to the school library each week and will be bringing home a book of their choice.
- In addition, the children will have access to books from the class library which they are welcome to borrow too.

National Multiplication Test – Year 4

Online test in the Summer Term for all Year 4 children introduced by the Government

This will be the fourth year. Our approach in Year 4 has been very successful to date – we have even received a letter from the Government praising our results!

The children will have 6 seconds to answer each question and there will be 25 random questions.

It is important that the children become speedy at recalling their tables so start early in September and practise regularly.

Different ways to practise such as TTRS, Hit the Button, Flashcards, songs and paper methods

How it works in Year 4

By Christmas, we hope all the children will know all of their times tables.

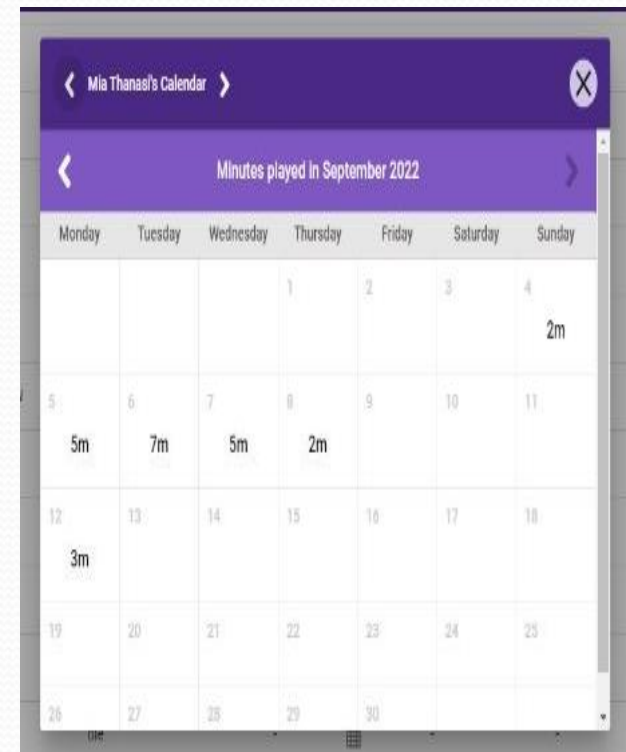
In order to do this, we will focus on a times table a week.

We will start with the 2/10x.

Then 5,11, 3,6,4,8,9, 12 x tables.

We will be using a range of techniques to build up the children's fluency, speed and stamina in school as well as the TTR expectations at home. The children will do a weekly test per x table.

Once all of these have been mastered, we will then do mixed times table tests weekly.



Rockstar Party

Every Year the children show great determination towards improving their x tables therefore we reward them with a Rockstar Party.

The children dress up as Rockstars and take part in many fun rockstar activities usually altogether in the hall. We will let you know when the first party is!



Banned Items

It is very difficult to establish whether or not a smart watch device is linked to the internet or a phone. As these cannot be safely monitored, smart watches are completely banned from school.



We would also like to remind you that edible gifts are not to be handed out to children **on the school premises including outside the classroom** at hometime, due to the prevalence in allergies. We thank you for your understanding.



Contacting Us

Depending on your query, please use the following lines of communication:

- A note inside your child's reading record (non-urgent)
- A separate note that can be passed to the teacher
- A phone call to the school office
- An email to admin@henrymoore.essex.sch.uk

Please try to avoid messages at the classroom door, as our main priority at this time of the day is to see children off home safely.



Thank You

We are grateful for your time this afternoon, and we will be happy to hang around and answer any quick questions you may have regarding the information you have just received.

We look forward to working with you all.

The Year 4 Team