

Year 4

Year 4 reading

In your child's fourth year at school they'll be independently reading a range of fiction and non-fiction books. They will use this reading to support their learning in all areas of the curriculum. Their reading material will include some compound and complex sentences, which may consist of 2 or 3 clauses. They'll also be introduced to figurative language, such as metaphors, similes, and personification.

In Year 4 they are learning to:

- know what they like to read and be able to choose what's right for them
- understand what they are reading and be able to talk about the main ideas, as well as ideas that are not so obvious
- recognise and understand the information in different kinds of books
- read smoothly, like talking
- notice when they make a mistake in their reading and be able to fix it, most of the time
- read to find out information, like answers to questions.

Year 4 writing

In Year 4 your child will be writing a variety of material to support their learning in all areas of the curriculum. They'll be writing in simple and compound sentences, and learning to write more complex sentences with more than one clause. They will be learning about nouns, verbs, adverbs and adjectives.

In Year 4 they are learning to:

- use their writing to think about, record and communicate experiences, ideas and information
- write by themselves for different purposes
- know that their writing needs to be suited to the people who will read it
- read and change their writing to improve it, most of the time
- notice mistakes and correct them in their writing (spelling, grammar, punctuation), most of the time
- publish their writing in a variety of ways including using computers, cameras, illustrations, and diagrams.

Year 4 maths

In Year 4 your child will continue to learn to solve realistic problems using their growing understanding of numbers, algebra (symbols), geometry (shapes), measurement and statistics. They'll learn about solving problems by using basic addition, subtraction and simple multiplication facts.

In Year 4 they are learning to:

- work with numbers up to 1,000
- use their knowledge of 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 times tables to solve problems
- find fractions of sets, shapes and quantities
- make and continue patterns and explain the rule for the pattern
- sort objects and describe how they have been grouped (eg shape and size)
- choose how you can best measure length, area, volume, capacity, weight, temperature and time
- use simple maps to show position and direction
- talk about events that will or will not happen
- make up questions to investigate then graph and discuss their findings.

Some more useful information can be found here <https://nzmaths.co.nz/families>