

## Key dates for Autumn Term 2024

Friday 13th September Year 3/4 Sponsored welly waddle/walk  
Monday 16th September- Heald Blue Fundraiser  
Thursday 26th September - Autumn Disco  
Friday 27th September- Macmillan Coffee Morning  
Wednesday 16th October - Individual photo day  
Friday 18th October - Break up for October Half Term  
Monday 28th October- School's close due to INSET  
Tuesday 29th October- Children return to school  
Tuesday 5th November/Wednesday 6th November- Parents Evening  
Friday 29th November- Christmas Fair  
Monday 16th - Tuesday 17th December - Freddie fit  
Thursday 19th December- Break up for Christmas  
Thursday 2nd January - School closed for INSET  
Friday 3rd January - School closed for INSET  
Monday 6th January - school reopens for all children



## **Year 3/4** **Autumn Term 2024**

### **Behaviour**

All children at Etchells use the Bee Rules to help them make good choices and to keep our school a happy, hardworking place. The children will receive dojos for setting an outstanding example of these.

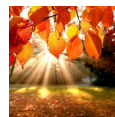
These rules are displayed in the classroom:

1. Be kind
2. Be a good listener
3. Be hardworking
4. Be respectful



### **In the Autumn, when the weather is changing...**

Autumn is nearly here! Please ensure your child brings a hooded coat to school every day. We take the children outside in all weathers, except absolutely torrential rain, so please send to school prepared!



### **What's in a name?**

Please ensure that all items of your child's school clothing—including coats—are clearly labelled with their name and class. This way, lost property can be quickly and easily reunited with its owner.

**3/4CL**

**Mrs Collins & Mrs Lambert**

**3/4TL**

**Mrs Townend & Mrs Lambert**

**3/4VB**

**Mrs Vedvik & Mr Brown**

**Teaching Assistants**

**Mrs Lund, Mrs Rumney,  
Miss Rahman**

## Topic

We enjoy many exciting topics in Lower Key Stage 2 which enable us to cover all aspects of the National Curriculum. Our topic this term is the Ancient Greeks; we will be looking at timelines, daily life, religion, and the far-reaching legacy of this fascinating ancient civilisation.



## English



Our English sessions will be based on a lovely picture book called 'Journey', and our exciting history topic including Myths and Legends.

We will be continuing to follow the Spelling Shed approach to spelling, with regular focus work and investigations. We will also continue to teach reading using a whole-class approach, referring to the 'VIPERS' (vocabulary, inferring, predicting, explaining, retrieving and summarising) as we teach these skills.

## Maths

In Maths we follow the National Curriculum and Age Related Expectations (AREs). We will begin our Maths work this year by revisiting some times tables from last year followed by the place value of 3 and 4-digit numbers.

All Year 4 children are required to sit a times tables test in the Summer term; this checks knowledge of the multiplication tables up to 12x12 and the questions are very fast-paced. We will be working on times tables knowledge in school but regular practice at home is essential. We recommend using Times Table Rockstars, [www.timestables.co.uk](http://www.timestables.co.uk), as well as chanting and repetition to cement the children's recall of these. We will send some weekly fluency homework to support this.



## Homework

### Topic

The children will be given a choice from different curriculum areas and they need to complete a minimum of two challenges, however we would **love** to see them challenge themselves and complete additional tasks—especially those from the top of the layered 'chilli challenge' chart. Please send homework in via Class Dojo so your child can share their work with their classmates. We can't wait to see what you get up to!

### Reading

We will be teaching reading using the whole-class format regularly throughout the week. Please encourage your child to read every night at home and ensure that you sign in their reading diary.



### Snacks

The children should bring a named water bottle into school every day—water only in class. They can also bring a healthy snack at break time. This is especially helpful after swimming.



### PE

PE will be taught by class teachers during the week for the first half term. Please remember to send your child in wearing their kit: black joggers or leggings, white t-shirt and their school jumper with trainers. They should not be wearing clothes with brand names on. Please could children not wear earrings on these days and long hair should be tied up. Tuesday: Year 3 PE, Year 4 swimming, Friday PE as a class. No baggy swim shorts, earrings or goggles for swimming and those with long hair need a swimming cap.