

Welcome to Year 4



English Curriculum

[English curriculum overview](#)

English is taught daily and follows a three part journey over a two to three week period.

Part one- introduction to the text focusing on engagement, discussion and the building of experiences and cultural capital.

Part two- focus on developing key grammatical skills

Part three-producing extended pieces of writing before editing and refining work.

Guided Reading is taught 4 times a week and gives the children the opportunity to unpick and discuss a wide range of rich and engaging texts while developing the skills to be a confident, fluent reader.

On a Friday, all classes have a reading for pleasure '**Freedom Friday**' session where they are able to choose any book to either share with a friend or read independently. The children also have the opportunity for book talk in these sessions. We believe freedom of choice and peer recommendations play an important role in reading for pleasure.

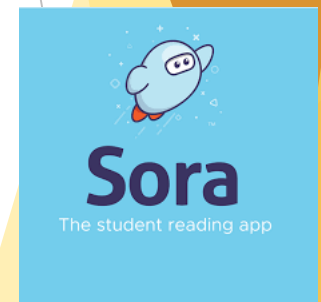


Reading at SFJS

We are committed to helping children to become confident and competent readers who regularly read for pleasure. As well as a carefully planned curriculum, there are many other things we do to promote a positive reading culture at SFJS.

- Celebrate World Book Day
- Book tasting sessions
- Masked Reader activities
- Reading challenges and readathons
- Author visits
- Local library visits
- Provide up to date reading lists and information on our [website](#)
- Use the Boom Reader app to track and celebrate the home reading of all pupils
- Bronze, silver and gold bookmark challenge
- Pleasure for reading assemblies
- Freedom Friday, reading for pleasure sessions
- Reading ambassadors
- Silver stories
- Sora App

It is the expectation that all children read at home and record it, on Boomreader (or a reading record), at least 4 times a week.

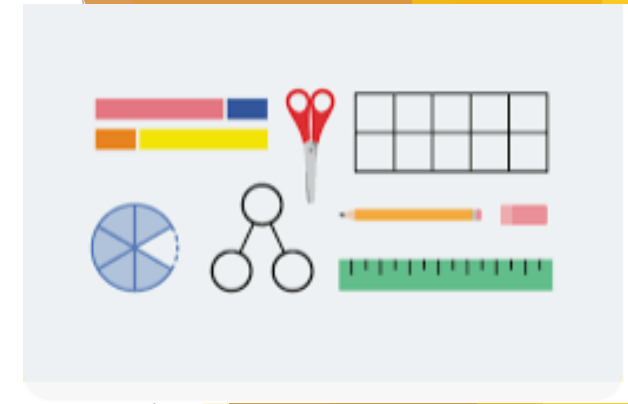
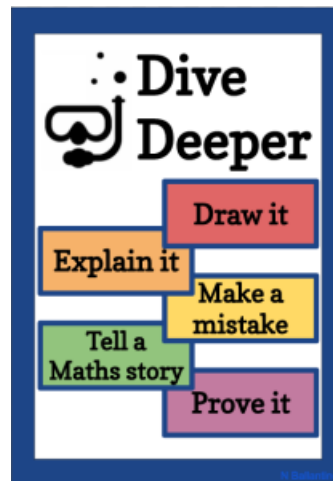


Maths Curriculum

[Maths yearly overview](#)

Maths is taught daily. We have adopted a mastery approach to teaching maths and use concrete, pictorial and abstract representations to help children explore, demonstrate and deepen their mathematical understanding.

A typical maths lesson will provide the opportunity for all children to work through fluency, reasoning and problem solving activities.



Times Tables at SFJS



At the end of year 4, children will complete a multiplication tables check as introduced by the Government in 2019.

Whilst we will cover all aspects of this check in school, all children will also need to learn and practise their multiplication tables as part of their weekly home learning.

It is imperative in year 4 that children spend time learning and practising their times tables, ideally at home as well as at school.

By the end of year 2 the expectation is that children can competently answer questions, at speed and in any order, for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

In year 3, they learn the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. In year 4, we focus on 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12.

At SFJS all children have access to Times-tables Rockstars (TTRS) to practice but we also highly recommend using maths frame to practice [MTC maths frame](#)

Homework at SFJS

The homework expectation at SFJS is that all children:

- read and record their reading (using Boomreader or a reading record book if requested) 4 times a week
- learn their spellings, weekly, using Emile
- complete any MyMaths activities when set
- **practise their times tables!**

Additional, **voluntary** homework tasks relating to the wider curriculum may also be set.

All homework will be set on **Google Classroom**. If you need paper copies, please contact your child's class teacher.



Year 4 trips & visits!



Autumn term

Egyptian drumming and dance workshop

Thursday 23rd October



Year 4 trips & visits!



Spring term

On March 9th-11th, we have our trip to Ufton Court!



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Itinerary

Our itinerary is very exciting! The children will be taking part in some activities based around our Summer history topic – Roman Britain including Roman games and artefacts, recreating Boudicca's revolution, willow weaving and military manoeuvres and even a banquet!



Accommodation & Food

The accommodation at Ufton Court will be split across two residential sites, the Grade I listed **Tudor Manor house** or the **Woodland Cabins**. Staff will be divided between these two sites.

The beds are a mix of single and bunk beds and the children will be together in dormitory style rooms. Duvets, sheets, pillows etc are all provided, **towels are not**.

All visits are fully catered by their chef and catering team who hold a 5 star food and hygiene rating.

Accommodation & Food



Sample menu

Day one

Morning snack – Fresh fruit on arrival

Lunch – Hot dogs with salad bar and homemade soup. Homemade cake for pudding.

Afternoon snack – carrot sticks and cucumber sticks

Dinner – Chilli Con Carne, with Rice and Nachos, Apple crumble and custard

Day Two

Breakfast - Self-service with a choice of cereals, Toast with butter and/or jam. Ham and cheese

Morning Snack – Homemade flapjack

Lunch – Jacket potatoes with beans, cheese, homemade coleslaw and salad bar. Yoghurt for pudding.

Dinner – Banquet roast chicken, Roast potatoes, Corn on the cob, Salad and Bread rolls, Banquet cake with fresh fruit

First Aid & Medical

We will have fully trained first aiders on the trip.

Additionally, the centre staff are fully trained and each activity that the children do has been risk assessed.

If you have any specific medical requirements for you child, please make sure the school is aware when you fill in the **form**.



Packing Lists

Hand Luggage

Sunhat and sun cream (you never know!)

Any travel pills – clearly labelled, for return journey.

Pocket money – None needed! There is no shop on site so the children do not need to bring any money.

Medication – clearly labelled. To be handed to the class teacher on Tuesday morning.

Please arrive at school at 8.40 a.m. if possible. We will assemble in the hall.

Please supply your child with a list of the contents of his/her suitcase – it helps with the return packing!!!

Suitcase/Rucksack

Night clothes

Underwear

Toiletries

Hand towel

Bath towel

T-shirts for each day (at least one long sleeved)

Sweatshirts/jumpers

Trousers/tracksuits/leggings

Comfortable footwear for walking/trainers

Waterproof coat

Wellies/tough shoes or boots

Indoor shoes

Casual clothes to change into for the evening meal

Book/magazine

A bin liner/dirty washing bag

A water bottle

Torch

Cuddly toy!

Year 4 trips & visits!



Summer term

RHS Wisley Gardens



Contacting your child's class teacher



There will be occasions when you will need to contact your child's class teacher.

The most efficient way to do this is to contact the school office, either via email on adminoffice@southfarnborough-jun.hants.sch.uk, Arbor in-app message or by phone. The office staff will then get a message to the class teacher and they will contact you.

There are members of the Senior Leadership Team on the front gate and park gate and Mrs Best on the Grove gate, every morning. SLT and all available teaching staff, wait at the three gates at the end of every school day. Please do speak to us if you need to let us know anything.

Please refrain from using Google Classroom to make contact with your class teacher.