

**WELCOME**  
to year 4!

The classes are:



4 Giraffe



4 Zebra



4 Meerkat



4 Tiger



4 Leopard

The teachers in our year group are:

4 Giraffe



Mrs O'Donnell

Mrs Horton

4 Meerkat



Miss Wyatt

4 Zebra



Mrs Lamb

Mrs Young

4 Tiger



Miss Dipietro

4 Leopard



Mr Lewis

# ZEBRA



My name is Mrs Lamb and I will be teaching you on Mondays and Tuesdays.

My favourite subjects are geography and English.

In my spare time I like reading, running and spending time with my family.



My name is Mrs Young and I will be teaching you on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

My favourite subjects are maths and history.

In my spare time I like reading, singing and playing the piano.

**One of the special things about Year 4 is that all of our classes are named after animals!**

**Have you ever tried to draw one of these animals?**

Use these video tutorials to have a go at drawing your class animal by yourself!  
Could you have a go at another as well?



Giraffe:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2nr587hSR7o>



Meerkat:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qZD5Nfyk3Co>



Leopard:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-U1GOirKelw>



Zebra:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3z3CIG9eM0E>



Tiger:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kAx8-pFj2CU>





Miss Wyatt and Mrs Horton are your Year Leaders for Year 4 next year.

This means that, as well as looking after our own classes, we will be around to help all of you with lots of different things during the year. We want to hear from your teachers about the wonderful work you have been doing. You might even get a special sticker from us for it!

Miss Wyatt already knows lots of you and she is looking forward to spending more time with you.

Mrs Horton is very excited to meet you and can't wait to get to know you all!

Here are the classrooms you will be working in:



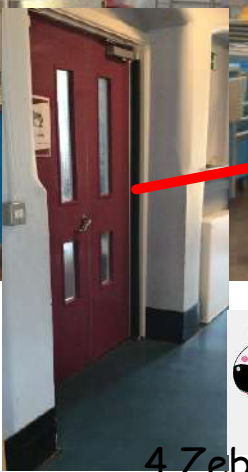
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(by the servery)

This is an example of what our timetable could look like:

8:20 - 8:35 Gates open for Year 4

8:35 Register

8:40 Maths

9:45 Break time

10:05 English

11:30 - 12:30 Lunch time

12:30 ERIC

1:00 Foundation (history, science, geography, computing, art, French, PE)

3:00 Home time



In Year 4, we study some really interesting topics such as:



The Ancient Egyptians



Map Skills



Electricity



World War Two



Families



E-Safety and Programming



Habitats



The Vikings

Which topic are you looking forward to learning about?



What are you looking forward to most about next year?

PE and Games lessons

exciting topics

singing

seeing friends

becoming a playground pal

class assemblies

Bug Club

maths lessons

house points

TT Rockstars

Can you draw a crystal ball?

Inside, add some pictures or write about the things you are looking forward to.



## Letter writing

The teachers have written a letter to you to tell you all about them...



## Mrs Young's letter



Dear 4 Zebra,

I am writing to you to introduce myself. My name is Mrs Young and I am going to be one of your teachers in Year 4.

My favourite subjects are maths and history. I love teaching different strategies in maths and finding patterns in numbers. I also love that the answer is either right or wrong. History fascinates me because what happened in the past affects the way we live now. I love finding out about significant events (especially British history), as well as finding out more about the people who ruled.

In my spare time, I like to read - especially history books. I would read all day if I could, but my children don't let me! As well as reading and spending time with my family, I also enjoy music. I have been learning to play the piano for over a year now, but I am still very much a beginner. The most challenging thing is playing two different parts at the same time - it is like patting your head and rubbing your stomach. When I am feeling very confident, I try to sing along whilst playing the piano.

I would really like it if you could write a letter back to me. It would be great to know what hobbies you have, what your favourite subject is and anything else you would like me to know about you! I can't wait for your reply!

From,

Mrs Young

## Mrs Lamb's letter



Dear 4 Zebra,

I am writing to introduce myself. My name is Mrs Lamb and I will be your teacher on Mondays and Tuesdays in Year 4.

My favourite subjects are English and geography. I enjoy English because I love seeing children's imaginations come alive and watching the journey from a little seed to a finished piece of writing. I also enjoy geography because I love learning about the world around us. I am fascinated by the different countries, their physical landscape (what they actually look like), their culture (traditions and how people live) and difficulties people come across in their lives.

In my spare time, I love to read - mainly fiction books that get me thinking and trying to solve a problem. Like Mrs Young, I would read all day if I could! My weekends are very busy because I have 3 children (all boys) so we are often out exploring the New Forest, on bikes or finding some mud somewhere. As a family we also all enjoy music, and often spend time singing together, or listening to new music that we have discovered. I played the flute regularly as a child, and started playing it again during lockdown. I enjoy the sense of calm it brings me when I play.

I am really looking forward to finding out more about you, and would love it if you could write a letter back to me. It would be great to know what hobbies you have, what you enjoy doing and what your favourite subjects are. I can't wait to hear from you!

From

Mrs Lamb

## Mrs Young's letter



What did I include in my letter?

Dear 4 Zebra,

Why am I writing?

I am writing to you to introduce myself. My name is Mrs Young and I am going to be one of your teachers in Year 4.

What are my favourite subjects? Why do I like these subjects?

My favourite subjects are maths and history. I love teaching different strategies in maths and finding patterns in numbers. I also love that the answer is either right or wrong. History fascinates me because what happened in the past affects the way we live now. I love finding out about significant events (especially British history), as well as finding out more about the people who ruled.

What I like to get up to in my spare time?

Why do I like these subjects?

In my spare time, I like to read - especially history books. I would read all day if I could, but my children don't let me! As well as reading and spending time with my family, I also enjoy music. I have been learning to play the piano for over a year now, but I am still very much a beginner. The most challenging thing is playing two different parts at the same time - it is like patting your head and rubbing your stomach. When I am feeling very confident, I try to sing along whilst playing the piano.

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From,

Mrs Young

How have I ended my letter?

## How you could structure your letter?

On the next 3 pages are suggestions about how you could structure your letter.

Each English table colour has a structure you can follow to help you write your wonderful letter! (Use your colours from Year 3!)



How you could structure your letter?



Blue writing tables

Use this scaffold with sentence starters to help you...



The parts in red you need to change to what your own answers are.

Dear Mrs Lamb and Mrs Young,

I am Henry and I am writing to tell you about myself.

My favourite subjects are art and history.

I like art because I enjoy drawing.

I like history because I like learning about the past.

I have some exciting hobbies. They include swimming and cycling. I enjoy cycling because I get to go outside with my family.

After school/ At the weekend I enjoy baking because I get to enjoy yummy cakes afterwards!

I am looking forward to being in your class next year because I am looking forward to getting to know you!

From Henry

## How you could structure your letter?

Green and Yellow writing tables



Use this scaffold with sentence starters to help you...



These are suggestions for how you could start your sentences.

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

I am \_\_\_\_\_ and I am writing to.... (Why are you writing?)

My favourite subject/ A subject I enjoy/ There are a few subjects I enjoy which include... because... (What is your favourite subject and Why?)

Also,/ In addition, / Furthermore, (What other subjects do you like and why?)

In my spare time,/ At the weekend,/ When I have some free time, /After school, (What do you like to do in your spare time?)

Also,/ In addition, / Furthermore, (What else do you enjoy doing? - Try and use a different sentence opener)

At home, I live with.../ In my family there are... (Tell me about your family and your pets)

Next year/ When we go back to school/ I am looking forward to... (What are you looking forward to next year?)

Although I am looking forward to next year,... /Despite being happy about starting next year.../ I am a little worried about next year because... (Is there anything you are worried about?)

From \_\_\_\_\_.



How you could structure your letter?

Red and Orange writing tables



Use this scaffold with sentence starters to help you.

Here are a variety of sentence openers to use...Think about when they will be most appropriate!



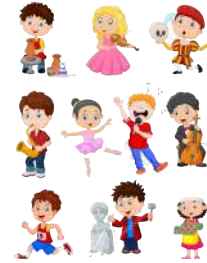
Why are you writing?
What is your favourite subject?
Why do you like this subject?
What other subject do you like and why?
What do you like to do in your spare time? What are your hobbies
What else do you enjoy doing?
Tell me about your family and your pets.
What are you looking forward to next year?
Is there anything you are worried about?

Interestingly,  
 Suprisingly, Shockingly,  
 Also,  
 In addition, As well as this,  
 Furthermore,  
 Next year,  
**Challenge:**  
 However, Despite the fact  
 I....,  
 Although, Even though I...

What else could you add to your letter?

You could include:

Pictures/drawings of your hobbies!



Make sure you use your best handwriting  
or type it up on the computer at home!



We're really looking forward to you sending us your letters so we can hear all about you!



**E-mail your teacher with your letter and the other art work you have completed.**

Mrs Lamb's email address is:

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Mrs Young's email address is:

[rachael.young@ludlowjunior.org.uk](mailto:rachael.young@ludlowjunior.org.uk)

We're really looking forward to seeing your work and meeting you in person soon!

