



Godmanchester
Community Academy

Welcome to Year 4



Meet the team



Ash Class



Mrs Elly Hemmins

**TAs: Mrs Scanlan and
Mrs Gutteridge**

Beech Class



Miss Lucy Bullman

**TAs: Mrs Hill, Miss
McGee and Mrs
Sellwood**

Curriculum



English – we are reading Pugs of the Frozen North by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre, and writing story settings.

Maths – currently we are working on place value, including rounding.

Science – states of matter

Art – landscapes

Geography – maps and topography

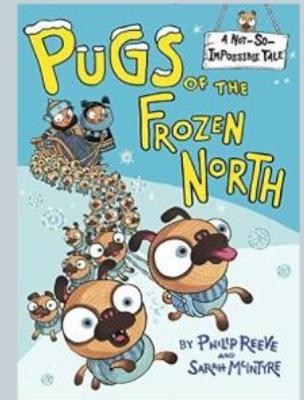
French – introduction to France; all about me

Music – singing

Computing – podcasting and audio editing

PSHE – rights and responsibilities

RE - Christianity



Knowledge Organisers for foundation subjects can be found on the school website.

PE/Games and Swimming



- **Outdoor games – tennis**
 - Wednesdays
 - Led by the Hunts School Sports partnership (Mrs David)

- **Swimming**
 - Fridays

Home Learning



<https://ukhosted1.renlearn.co.uk/1894159/>

TTRockstars, Mathletics and Spelling Shed homework will be set but it currently optional.

Class Dojo



Class Dojo: We aim to reply within one working day (but it may be sooner!). Quiet hours are 5pm – 8am.

Communications about absence must be made to the school office (01480 375115) and not via Class Dojo.



Uniform



- **Uniform and Appearance:** Whilst we do sell logoed school polo shirts and jumpers via Price and Buckland (www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/godmanchestercommunity), there is no requirement for your child to wear logoed uniform. However, we ask that you adhere to the following in terms of colour choices. **We believe that a school uniform promotes a sense of community, belonging and pride in the school. Importantly, it also creates peer equality in terms of appearance.**
- Children should wear: school/plain **navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan; grey or black skirt, trousers , knee-length shorts or pinafore; blue gingham summer dress; white or navy blue polo shirt; black, grey or white tights or socks; sensible plain black shoes/boots** (for the winter) – no trainers, high heels or open toe sandals.
- Please note that children with shoulder length hair (or longer) should come to school with their hair tied back with a **simple hairband**. **Children should not wear large or bright bows or accessories.** If children do wear large bows or accessories, they will be asked to remove these and the class teacher will keep them until the end of the school day when they will be returned to the child. If children with shoulder length hair (or longer) arrive at school without it being tied back, they will be given a new hairband to tie their hair back.
- **Any child who arrives at school without the appropriate uniform will be offered spare uniform on arrival at school and their parent/carer will be notified by Class Dojo that they have arrived at school without the appropriate uniform.**
- If, for any reason, you have problems providing your child(ren) with the appropriate uniform, please make contact with the school (office@godmanchestercommunity.co.uk) and a member of staff will make contact to understand how we can best help.
- We would also like to remind parents/carers and pupils that **we do not allow jewellery other than simple stud earrings and a simple analogue/digital watch** for health and safety reasons. Earrings must be removed for PE, games and swimming lessons so please ensure your child is able to remove these independently. If they are unable to remove them, please ensure they do not come to school wearing earrings on days that they will be engaged in these activities. We are not advised to put tape over earrings anymore for PE.
- Additionally, **no makeup or nail varnish should be worn in school.**
- **Any child who arrives at school wearing jewellery (other than simple studs or a watch) or make up will be reminded of the school uniform expectations and their parent/carer will be notified by Class Dojo.**

School Values



- Kindness and hard work

A hand-drawn sign on a white background. The word "Choose" is written in blue cursive. To its right is a yellow sun with a smiling face and radiating lines. Below these, the word "KINDNESS." is written in large, colorful, block letters: K (red), I (green), N (purple), D (yellow), N (red), E (blue), S (green), S (blue).

Choose 
KINDNESS.

Lunches and Snacks



- **Packed lunches:** Although we do not routinely comment on the contents of packed lunch boxes, we feel it is necessary to remind parents/carers of **the need to provide their child with a nutritious and balanced lunch**. We have seen an increase in the amount of high sugar and fat items being consumed from lunch boxes over the last year. Healthy packed lunches should be based on the eatwell plate food groups (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-eatwell-guide>) which promotes balance and variety in the diet.
- Additionally, please remember that **we are a nut free school**. It is vitally important that you ensure that items within your child's lunch box are nut free as we have a number of children and staff with nut allergies.
- **Snacks:** Following on from the above, please ensure that if you are sending your child into school with a snack, that it is either fruit or vegetables. Again, we have noticed an increase in children bringing in high sugar cereal bars or biscuits for a snack. Such items are not permitted as a snack within school. Children in Key Stage 1 receive a piece of fruit or vegetable as a snack as part of the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme. Therefore, there is no need to provide your child with a snack if they are in Key Stage 1.