

Nine Ashes Road
Blackmore
Ingatestone
Essex CM4 0QR
Tel: 01277 821528
Fax: 01277 821394
Headteacher Mrs Andrea Farrant



April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we are already in the summer term! I hope you and your families are well and had a lovely Easter break. We have lots of lovely things lined up this term which I am sure the children will enjoy!

PE

PE will take place on a Wednesday morning. We will be enjoying rounders and athletics this term which I am sure the children will enjoy, especially with sports day approaching. Swimming will take place on a Thursday morning. Please ensure that your child has their P.E. kit / swimming bag in school on these days. For safety reasons, earrings and watches must be removed on PE days. Long hair must also be tied back at all times.

Reading and Homework

Please can the children bring their reading books and diary to school each day. In accordance with our Blackmore Home School Agreement, it is expected that all children read at least **3 times per week**, with an adult, and that this is recorded in the reading record. Homework will be set on a Friday and is due the following Wednesday. It is expected that by the end of Year 4 children know their multiplication facts. To help them learn these, I ask that they play TTRockstars at home **3 times per week**. I will be checking the 'Soundcheck' activity to monitor how they are getting on. It is **vital** that children are confident in their timestables as this will support them throughout their maths learning.

Maths

In maths this term will be focusing on decimals, money and time. After half term we will have a geometry focus, looking at shape, position and direction. We are continuing to consolidate our times tables through regular practice. Any support at home is always greatly appreciated. The multiplication check takes place in June – soundcheck on TT Rockstars can really help children to prepare!

English

The children have really enjoyed the texts we have explore so far this year and have wowed me with their writing so far. We are continuing to follow the Literacy Tree scheme with a book-based approach. Our first theme is 'Unearthing civilisations'. We are starting with '*Riddle of the Runes*'

and the children we be creating their own alternative ending. This is followed by '*The Ever-Changing Earth*' in which we will be creating our own narrative sequel. After half term we start the theme of 'Progress and Innovation'. We will be reading '*Varmints*' and creating explanation texts followed by '*The Iron Man*' in which we will create a mystery narrative.

Topics

This term, we are covering an exciting variety of different areas of learning. In science, we are learning about sound and electricity. The children will have the chance to practically explore how to create electrical circuits throughout this unit. During our topic work we will be learning about The Romans in History which I'm sure the children will find very interesting. We will explore important figures such as Julius Caesar and Boudicca. In Geography we will also be learning about rivers and learning what they are used for. We will also be learning about 3D drawing in art and textiles in DT.

Trips and Enrichment activities.

The children are in for a very interesting term as we also have lots of interesting events occurring. On the 21st May we will be heading to Colchester Castle for an exciting day. This links closely with our topic of the Romans. On the 23rd June we are lucky enough to attend the Essex Schools Food & Farming Day – keep an eye out on parentmail for further details! Sports Day also takes place towards the end of this term which I know the children are looking forward to.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do catch me at the end of the day, on the playground, or via the parents@blackmore.essex.sch.uk email address.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Owen

Class 4 Teacher