



Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term 2026

Class Information

Teachers : Mrs Clayton and Mrs Collenette

LSAs in the Year Group: Mrs Foss

Welcome Back

Happy new year and welcome back to Year 4! We hope you had a wonderful break and ready for another term packed full of new learning.

We welcome your questions and queries, so please do not hesitate to contact us. The best way to contact us is via the message feature of Dojo, however, if there are any urgent messages which need to get to either us or your child, please do this through the office as we cannot guarantee picking up urgent Dojo messages during the school day.

Year 4 Learning for this Term

English:

This half term we are exploring the fictional text **Odd and The Frost Giants** by Neil Gaiman and Chris Riddell. Our writing will culminate in a re-telling of the story from the perspective of a different character. In the second half of the term, we will be reading **Weslandia** by Paul Fleischman with our writing piece being a non-chronological report.

Our Guided Reading texts will be **How does a Lighthouse Work** by Roman Belyaev and **Viking Voyages** by Jack Tit; **Tamarind and the Star of Ishta** by Jasbinder Bilan and **The Last Firefox** by Lee Newbery.

Spelling lists will be sent home via Dojo and a printed copy given out each week. Please look through and discuss the lists with your child. Please use the spelling books we gave out in the Autumn term for your children to practise in, but there will be no formal spelling test each week. We will be working on understanding these words and looking at using them within our writing.

Maths:

[Multiplication and division](#) [Length and perimeter](#)
[Fractions](#) [Decimals](#)

These links will take you to videos which go over each step we will be looking at. We will be beginning with Multiplication and Division B which is Spring Term on the calendar.

Learning in other areas of the curriculum:

Science - Electricity - building and problem solving circuits and investigating conductors and insulators.

History - Romans - Diving into the everyday life of the Romans and what they did to make such a prosperous life style.

Geography - Raw materials and where they come from - we will also look at manufactured materials and how trade helps get materials across the world to places that need them.

ICT - Hive Hackers (coding) PWC will be coming in to school to run these sessions.

Music - We will be learning two songs to take part in the Eisteddfod.

Art - Painting and mixed media - we will be learning about using light and dark tones with colour to show three dimensions.

DT – Product development and design - We are going to be looking at how to design and build torches. We will learn about what makes a torch turn on and the electrical systems behind that. All nicely tying into our science topic.

PE/GAMES - Swimming/ football/ cricket / dance

MFL - FRENCH - Sports / Hobbies

PSHCE - What makes a community / How data is shared and used / using and keeping money safe

RE - Islam, followed by Easter with the theme of forgiveness.

Learning at Home:

Please see our new [Home Learning Guide](#). This outlines the expectations of home learning for each year group and ideas for how to achieve them.

Generic Weekly Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning 1	Guided Reading English	Swimming	Guided Reading English	Guided Reading English	English Spelling
Morning 2	Maths	RE	Maths Spelling	Maths Spelling	Maths
Afternoon	Computing PSHCE	Maths English	Library History	PE Science	Art French Music

General Information:

Outdoor PE kit is needed on Thursdays and **Swimming kit** (towel, bathers, goggles and cap) will be needed on Tuesdays.

Please make sure that the children have a house coloured t-shirt, sports shorts and trainers.

No jewellery on PE days please (remove stud earrings or put plasters over the top of them). No earrings at all on Swimming days.

Children should bring in their Home Learning Journals and current reading book each day.

Please ensure ALL items of clothing are labelled, we already have lost property!

Friday assembly - Bring achievements/certificates from home to celebrate.

Dates for your diary:

Please keep an eye on Dojo for additional dates throughout the year.

Half Term - Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February

Comic Relief - Friday 20th March

Parents Evening - Tuesday 17th and Wednesday March

End of Term (Finish at 1pm) - Friday 27th March

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