

# Year 4 Class Newsletter-Spring Term 2026

Happy New Year! I am looking forward to another exciting term, packed with fun and interesting topics. Year Four worked really hard last term and I am sure that with the confidence they are gaining around Year Four expectations, they will be producing some amazing work throughout the spring term.

## English

The spring term presents opportunities for the children to work as reporters writing a newspaper text. We will also develop skills in persuasive writing and use their creative skills in producing a narrative full of suspense.

## Reading

In Year Four, we use the whole class guided reading approach and will continue this throughout the Spring Term. This will provide focused support on retrieval and inference skills. The children will continue to read independently and quiz using Accelerated Reader. They are expected to read five times a week at home with at least three of these occasions being reading to an adult. A reading record is provided for adults to write in when they have listened to their child read. Reading books and reading records should come home every evening and return each morning.

## Maths

This term, we will be continuing with multiplication and division and written methods of addition and subtraction. And in the last part of the spring term we will be learning about properties of shapes.

Our BIG area to improve this year is our recall of times tables. The curriculum expectation is that all times tables can be recalled quickly in order to apply them to all areas of maths. Our maths learning will involve many problem-solving and investigational opportunities so that pupils gain confidence in applying their knowledge in a variety of contexts.

## Science

During the first half term, the children will begin to look at 'Animals, Including Humans', with a focus on the digestive system, healthy eating and teeth. They will also look at food chains and how they are affected by change in the environment. In the second half of term we will be exploring sound how it is made, how we can measure it and its different qualities.

## P.E.

P.E. days remain as Monday and Thursday during the Spring term. Please ensure that the children come into school wearing the correct kit and footwear on these days.

## Topic

This term we will be exploring mountains both in the UK and globally. We will be developing map work skills, learning to read and use an atlas and maps.

## Homework

Homework will be set regularly over the next term; each piece serves to support or consolidate the skills which we have been using during lessons.

The children will be expected to complete reading, spelling, grammar and maths learning at home. They should also be practising their times tables. My Maths and TT Rockstars will be used to set homework so if you have any issues logging on, please let me know. I will be ensuring that all login details have been stuck in on the inside cover of the homework book. If you are unable to access any of the computer-based homework, then let me know and a computer will be available in school for the homework to be completed.

Children will also be asked to complete an extended project each half term. Further information will follow closer to the half-term break.

Finally, please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss your child and their learning as it is vital that we work together to ensure that they have a happy and successful year.

Kind regards,

Mrs Larman

