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Year 4 Spring 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing break and are ready to see what 2026 brings.

Reading will continue to be at the heart of all learning and, as always, we encourage you to get involved with your children's reading by sharing and discussing their latest book. Just because a child is a fluent, independent reader, it does not mean they no longer need the valuable book talk which is so important that parents support their children with. Books and reading records should be brought into school every day and will be changed accordingly.

In Literacy this half term we will be reading 'The Lost Whale' by Hannah Gold, a chapter book focusing on themes of marine life and conservation as well as family relationships. In addition, children will read a selection of non-fiction texts to support our topic learning about the oceans and protecting the environment. In the second half term children will read 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' a graphic novel depicting a Norse myth and 'How to Train your Dragon' an illustrated children's book which uses humour to explain the Viking period of history. Throughout the term children will have an opportunity to write in a series of genres and use grammatical features to support and enhance their writing skills.

Weekly spelling tests will continue to take place on a Monday. Spelling lists will be emailed, every Monday. Please continue to support your child with learning their spellings. Thank you.

In Maths this term, pupils will build on their knowledge of multiplication and division. The emphasis on times tables will continue throughout the year. The children will also explore length and perimeter and relate this to real life scenarios. After half term, we will be concentrating on fractions and decimals. We will continue to build on key instant recall facts over the term.

In the first half term, our topic is Blue Abyss. Pupils will sketch different creatures and create their own new creatures of the deep. Using maps, globes and atlases, pupils will identify the world's oceans and seas. After locating the Great Barrier Reef on a map, pupils will learn about the risks it faces. Children will also learn about the dangers that pollution, including plastic pollution, pose to our planet focusing on the impact on marine life. In the second half term our topic is Invasion which looks at the decline of the Roman Empire and the invasion of Anglo Saxons and Vikings. We will learn about the Dark Ages, exploring who the Anglo Saxons were, how they lived, and their settlements before moving on to the Viking raiders. We will also use geographical skills to identify settlements, think about physical features, continuing to explore maps and grid references to support our learning.

In Science, this half term the children will learn about grouping and classifying living things. This involves investigating different organisms and why they are suited to their habitat. Children will learn about the classification of living things and use classification keys to group and sort organisms. In the second half term the focus will be on food and digestion considering how humans and other animals digest food, use nutrients for energy and how different organisms have different diets. Children will also develop their knowledge of food chains.



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In RSE/PSHE, our two units are Dreams and Goals and Healthy Me. The lessons are often discussion based and the children will join in with discussions and listen to others during circle times. In R.E, we will explore how some people believe life is a journey looking at different religions and viewpoints. The first half term will focus on Judaism with the second half term considering Christianity. Each unit will start with a 'big question' followed by individual questions to answer each lesson.

Computing lessons will focus on effective searching and an introduction to AI. E-safety sessions will also be delivered with the focus on staying safe online.

In P.E. this term, Year 4 will be swimming every Monday afternoon, starting from Monday 12th January. Please ensure you have logged into your Parent Pay account to give permission and make payment. Children will need to bring a trunks/swimming costume, a towel and flip flops/sliders.

In music this term, children will work on their vocal and improvisation skills. They will be able to use tuned percussion instruments and learn to rehearse and perform songs in various musical genres.

Math homework will continue to be set weekly using the maths homework books. Children will be expected to complete the sections indicated. The content aligns with their learning in class. Children are also expected to use Times Table Rock Starts (TTRS) weekly with a minimum expectation of 5 studio games.

Should you have any queries, please email us:

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We look forward to an exciting term ahead and thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 4 Team

