



# Year 4 Spring Term Newsletter

## Welcome to Year Four

We are delighted to welcome you back to our Spring Term with Mrs Brydon, Mr Blake and Miss Smith. We are looking forward to another exciting term working with you all.

Read on to find out what we will be learning about this term and all the things you and your child can look forward to.

## Who's in the Year 4 team?

4S Class Teacher	Miss Smith
4B Class Teacher	Mr Blake
4BR Class Teacher	Mrs Brydon

## What is needed when?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Swimming Kit (1 <sup>st</sup> half term) PE Kit (2 <sup>nd</sup> half term) Library	PE Kit (4S and 4B)	PE Kit (4Br)		-TTRS by today -Spag.com by today -Reading Journals in -Spelling homework in -Arithmetic homework in -Spelling Test today

## Homework

In Year Four it is really important to continue to embed good homework habits. Therefore, we are asking that you take a little and often approach. The tasks given build on essential skills and make a big difference to learning in class. We would really appreciate your support in helping to embed key skills and strategies that have been taught in lessons.

Every week we will ask that the pupils complete 20 sessions on **Times Table Rockstar**, complete a Spag task online, practice **spellings** which will be tested on **Friday** and we ask that pupils **read** five times a week. Please can you sign journals each week and hand them in on **Fridays**.

In addition, your child will bring home a **weekly Arithmetic test** which should help them practice key maths skills. The children should spend no more than 25 minutes on this activity. This will be issued on a Friday to be returned the following Friday.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask us.

## Spring Term 1 Curriculum Map

### English – Information Text and Narrative Recount

The children will explore the text *Curiosity: The Mars Rover*, and *The Iron Man* in their unit titled *Man Vs Machine*. They will learn to develop their use of fronted adverbials to add detail and description, and their longer writing opportunities will develop their understanding of paragraphs. They will continue to refine their use of vocabulary to precisely describe and engage their reader.

### Maths

This term we will learn to round decimals to the nearest whole number, compare and classify geometric shapes, identify different angles and begin to learn about time and positions as co-ordinates.

### Science: Electrical Circuits

The children will learn to complete a simple series electrical circuit and identify and name its parts. They will recognise whether a switch opens or closes a circuit.

### DT:

In DT we will be designing and making our own robots with flashing lights, using our knowledge from our science unit.

### Computing Skills

We will create programs by planning, modifying, and testing commands to create shapes and patterns.

### History - Anglo Saxons and Scots

In this unit we look at the reasons why the Anglo Saxons invaded Britain, what their settlements looked like and some of the ways they kept law and order

### Music

This term the children will be exploring how we use musical notation to identify and play notes of different time durations.

### Religious Education: Worship

We will be learning about how people worship in the Hindu and Christian religions.

### PE

Indoor athletics  
Swimming

### RHE – Keeping Safe

We will learn about the difference between dangers, risks and hazards, and how to keep ourselves safe. We will look at medicines as well as online safety.

## Spring Term 2 Curriculum Map

### English - Historical Stories

Through the use of the story of *Beowulf* the children will learn to entertain and describe action in detail. They will develop their understanding of expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials and speech punctuation.

### Maths

This term we will revisit our multiplication and division techniques, expand our knowledge of fractions and solve problems using information presented in bar charts, pictograms, tables and other graphs.

### History – The Vikings

We will learn who the Vikings were and where they came from, the features of their Viking longships and the events that took place at Lindisfarne. We will also learn about Norse mythology and gods.

### Religious Education: Devotion

We will be looking at the concept of devotion within the Christian and Hindu religions.

### Art: Water-colours

This is a painting unit where the children will learn how to work with water-colours and further aspects of colour theory.

### Computing: Data Loggers

We will consider how and why data is collected over time. The children will collect and analyse their own data using data loggers.

### PE

Dance  
Football / Rugby

### Spanish

Days of the week  
Months of the year

### RHE – Rights and Respect

The children will learn what a respectful relationship is and how to keep safe. They will learn about their rights and their responsibilities.