



Year 4 Spring Term Newsletter

Welcome to Year Four.

We are delighted to welcome you to Year 4, Mr Blake and Miss Smith are looking forward to another exciting term working with you all.

Turn over to find out what we will be learning about this term and all the things you can look forward to.

Who's who in the Year 4 team?

4S Class Teacher	Miss Smith
4B Class Teacher	Mr Blake
Year 4 Teaching Assistants	Mrs Shergold Miss Neale

What is needed when?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PE Kit• Spelling test today• Hand in arithmetic and spelling homework			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Swimming kit before half term.• Library today.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TTRS by today• Spag.com by today• Reading Journals due in

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.

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 **Monday** and we ask that pupils **read** five times a week. Please can you sign these each week and hand them in on **Fridays**.

In addition, this year each 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 Monday to be returned the following Monday.

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

Spring Term 1 Curriculum Map

English : Explanation Texts

We will be using the book 'Until I met Dudley' to investigate the features of an explanation text and how to write one.



Recounts

In this unit we will be recounting events through the eyes of the Iron Man.

Maths

This term we will look at multiplication and division, developing more efficient calculation methods. We will also revisit and extend our knowledge of fractions.

Science : Electricity

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 be using the program Scratch to code our own music making machine.

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

Monday – Indoor athletics
Thursday - Swimming

RHE - Healthy Lifestyles

We will learn about personal hygiene and germs, dental hygiene and facts about legal and illegal substances.

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 be learning how to calculate area. We will also take a first look at decimal numbers, Roman numerals and learning to tell the time.

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

Scratch – smoking car game

We will learn to code a sprite to move in different directions, to create backgrounds and draw images.

PE

Monday – Dance
Thursday – Football / Rugby

Spanish

Days of the week
Months of the year

RHE

The children will learn what a respectful relationship is and how to keep safe.