



Year 4 Spring Term Newsletter

Welcome to Year Four

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

Who's in the Year 4 team?

4B Class Teacher	Mr Blake
4H Class Teacher	Miss Harrison
4W Class Teacher	Miss Wilson
Year 4 Teaching Assistants	Mrs Hodgson, Mrs Kenny, Mrs Harries, Mrs Gervasoni, Mrs Andrewartha, Miss Inglis

Spring 1 - What is needed when?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			All homework due in today	New homework goes out today Spelling Test today
Swimming Kit Library Book (All classes)	PE Kit 4W		PE Kit 4B	PE Kit 4H

Homework

In Year Four, it is really important to continue our good homework habits. Therefore, we are asking that you continue to take a little and often approach. The homework tasks given are essential skills and make a big difference to pupils' learning in class:

Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) – children are to complete 20 garage sessions each week online, using either a computer or tablet. This resets on a Friday morning. All children are issued with their TTRS login and password. Please keep this safe.

Spellings – these are handed out every Friday and tested the following Friday.

Reading – please read with your child every day if possible, but at least 5 times a week, for around 10-20 minutes. Please complete your child's Reading Journal.

Arithmetic- please complete the paper as consolidation from teaching in class

SPAG.COM - children will use www.spag.com to complete a series of spelling, grammar and punctuation questions either using a computer or tablet. All children are issued with their login details. Please keep this safe. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask us.

Spring Term Curriculum Map

English Spring 1 – 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.

English Spring 2 - 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.

Computing Skills Spring 1

We will be looking at controlling an on-screen turtle and exploring how to create and edit audio files.

Computing Spring 2 - 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.

History Spring 1 - 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.

History Spring 2 – 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 Spring 1 - Worship

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

Religious Education Spring 2 - Devotion

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

Art Spring 2 - Water-colours

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

Maths Spring 1

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.

Maths Spring 2

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.

Science Spring 1: 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.

Music Spring 1

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

DT Spring 1

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

RHE Spring 1 – 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.

RHE Spring 2 – 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.

PE Spring 1

Indoor athletics
Swimming

PE Spring 2

Dance
Football / Rugby

Spanish Spring 2

Days of the week
Months of the year