

Year Four, Newsletter Autumn 1 Term 2026

Welcome to Year Four! We hope you had a lovely break. Please find below information about the learning we will undertake this half term as well as some reminders. Please keep your eyes on our website and social media for pictures, news and last minute announcements.

Reading

The Queen's Nose—use question words as clues to finding answers, understand differences between poetry and narrative, identify key themes, distinguish between fact and opinion, give reasons for predictions, understand inference reflects clues and omissions.
What a Waste—Explore how texts have a range of audiences and purposes, distinguish key information from supplementary information and identify the author's intended impact

Writing

We will start with week and a half of grammar lessons to secure past knowledge, then
First person Diary Entries (using a range of sentence structures, past tense and reported speech)
Critical Analysis of Narrative Poetry (understand poetry features, give an opinion about poetry using quotation to illustrate their points)
News Reports (thinking about perspective and tense and using direct quotations)

Maths

Place Value (representing and partitioning numbers to 100 and 10000, Find 1, 10, 100, 1,000 more or less, comparing and ordering numbers to 10,000, round to nearest 10, 100, 1000, Roman Numerals)
Addition and Subtraction (add and subtracts 1s, 10s, 100s, and 1000s, add 4 digits without and with exchanging, efficient subtractions, estimating and strategies for checking)

Science

Digestion and Food – We will be exploring the digestive system by using models to understand the function of key organs and how food is processed in the body. A local dentist will talk to us about the importance of teeth in the digestion process, and how to look after them. We will find out how teeth differ between predator and prey, herbivore and carnivore.

Geography

Where does our food come from? - We will explore global trade and food production by mapping the world's biomes and tracing where food imports come from, understanding the environmental impacts of food production and what we can do to reduce them, and learning about fair trade, what it means and how to make fair choices.

Art and Design Technology

Drawing - Exploring tone, texture and proportion— exploring tone, texture and proportion to create realistic and expressive drawings, inspired by artists Sarah Graham, Nicola McBride and Beatriz Milhazes.
Cooking and Nutrition: Adapting a Recipe—we will be including opportunities for children to learn a basic biscuits recipe and adapt it to suit a target audience.

PE

Indoor PE (Wednesday) is WWII Dance and Outdoor PE (Thursday) will be Cricket.

RE

Christianity: Salvation We will be learning how Christians feel that believing that Jesus is their saviour helps them to serve others.

Computing

Networks - We will be introducing the concept of networks, learning how devices communicate, identifying components, information is shared and exploring examples of real-world networks.

On-line Safety (2 lessons)

Reminders

PE days are Wednesday and Thursday.

Reading diaries will be checked daily, spelling homework to be returned on Wed, TT practise check Thu, Homework club Friday lunchtime

Please name all clothing and water bottles.

Year Four, Newsletter Autumn 2 Term 2026

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Reading

The Girl Who Stole an Elephant (explain the image that an author is trying to create based on the language that they select, support an inference by drawing evidence from more than one text, skim and scan to retrieve details from a text, make a reasoned prediction that is rooted in evidence, explain the importance of concision and precision in a summary, use knowledge of vocabulary and retrieval).

Writing

Persuasive Writing—adverts (know how superlatives are formed, the purpose of superlatives and rhetorical questions and the presentational devices to use in an advert).

Third Person Adventure Stories (using third person perspective, the simple and progressive past tense and a range of descriptive devices to write a story with a balance of description and dialogue)

Maths

Area (count squares, create shapes, compare shapes)
Multiplication and Division (recap multiplication and division facts for 3x, then applying to 6x and 9x, mult and division facts 7x, 11x and 12x, multiplying by 1 and 0, multiplying 3 numbers)

In Y4 all children will complete the National Multiplication check and need to have rapid recall of all multiplication facts to 12x. As well as the multiplication units children will have daily TT practise at school, and are expected to complete regular practise at home. Children will have a login for TT Rockstars, and we can provide paper copies for children where access to laptop/tablet/phone might be difficult.

Science

Classification and Changing Habitats—Classifying living things by exploring different ways organisms can be grouped and evaluating the effectiveness of classification keys

History

How hard was it to invade and settle in Britain? - we will be developing an understanding of why people invaded and settled, learning about Anglo-Saxon beliefs and the spread of Christianity and assessing the contribution of the Anglo-Saxons to modern Britain.

Art and Design Technology

Cooking and Nutrition: Adapting a Recipe—we will be including opportunities for children to learn a basic biscuits recipe and adapt it to suit a target audience.

Painting and Mixed Media : Light and Dark—Developing their colour-mixing skills, pupils use shades and tints to show form and create three dimensions in their paintings

PE

Indoor PE (Wednesday) is Mindfulness and Outdoor PE (Thursday) will be Quidditch.

RE

Islam: Prophets—We will be learning why Muslims call Muhammed the 'seal of the prophets'.

Computing

Data Handling: Comparison cards databases—Exploring the concepts of sorting and filtering by learning about records, fields and data

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