



Year 4 Spring Term 2026 - 5th January - 12th February
Mrs Campbell - Mrs Brown - Mrs Heap - Miss Smith

Welcome Back to Year 4!

We hope you had a restful and enjoyable Christmas holiday. We are looking forward to starting Spring Term 1 and getting straight back into learning together. This half term, our school value is **courage**. We will be focusing on having the confidence to try new things, speak up when something is difficult, and make positive choices even when they feel challenging. By showing courage in our learning and behaviour, we can create a calm, respectful classroom where everyone feels safe to take risks, contribute, and do their best.

Year 4 Entry into and out of School

The classroom door will open at 08:25 and our first lesson will begin at 08:30. The school day ends at 15:00. Please send your children in from the playground where they will be greeted at their classroom by a member of staff.

A member of staff will let the children out at the top of the stairs at the end of the day. The children will only be released to a designated adult in line with our school's Health and Safety policy. If, for any reason, you are unable to collect your child, please contact the school as soon as possible to let us know who has your permission to collect them.

Homework

Children should be reading a minimum of four times every week. Reading aloud to a parent for only a few minutes a day can have a significant impact on their progress. Reading books will be

checked/changed on a Friday. In addition to reading children will have spellings to practice which needs to be due in **by Wednesdays**. This year is an important year for **Times Table** so children should practice at least for 21 minutes every week on TTRS or a homework sheet that will be sent on Fridays due in **by Wednesdays**.

Snacks and Water

Please send a full, clearly labelled water bottle to school each day. Only water is allowed to be brought in these bottles.

Children may bring a fruit or vegetable snack for break time. This must also be in a clearly labelled container.

Physical Education

Year 4 will have Physical Education every **Tuesdays** this half term. Please send children into school wearing the correct P E uniform (a purple school top, black shorts or jogging bottoms and pumps or trainers). Any children with pierced ears should remove earrings and long hair should be tied back.

This half term, the focus will be **Dance**. Children will work to develop a solo secret agent phrase and explore relationship variations through trio dance, including action and reaction. They will practise and perform a range of formations, building control, timing, and awareness of others. The unit will also support confidence, coordination, and working together as a group.

Maths

We will begin with **Multiplication and Division**, building secure methods and confidence with times tables and related calculations. We will then move on to **Length and Perimeter**, where children will measure accurately and calculate perimeters of shapes. Towards the end of the half term, we will start **Fractions**, focusing on understanding parts of a whole and recognising equivalent fractions.

English

This half term in English, Year 4 will be writing a narrative from the viewpoint of an Egyptian merchant. The focus will be on entertaining the reader through storytelling and dialogue. Children will develop character voice,

describe events and settings clearly, and use dialogue to move the story forward. They will also practise organising their writing into a clear sequence and choosing vocabulary that brings the narrative to life.

Foundation Subjects

Geography: This half term in Geography, Year 4 will learn about coasts, exploring where they are found, key coastal features, and how the sea and weather can change coastlines over time.

DT: Sewing - In Design and Technology, Year 4 will be developing their sewing skills. They will learn how to design, cut, and join fabric, and use stitching techniques to create a finished textile product.

Art: This half term in Art, Year 4 will explore still life and form, learning about famous artists such as Cézanne and Van Gogh and developing their drawing skills using line, shading, tone, and form to create detailed still life artwork.

Science: This half term in Science, Year 4 will learn about **electricity**, exploring static and current electricity, building simple circuits using symbols, testing conductors and insulators, and investigating how bulbs work and how voltage affects brightness.

Computing This half term in Computing, Year 4 will explore programming by using repetition and loops to plan, create, modify, and test programs in Logo to produce shapes and patterns.

RE: In RE this half term, Year 4 will learn about **Pentecost** and why it is important to Christians. Children will explore what happened when Jesus returned to heaven and how the coming of the Holy Spirit gave the disciples confidence and courage to spread Jesus' message. They will consider how Pentecost is seen as the beginning of the Christian Church and the impact it had on believers then and now.

PSHE: This half term in PSHE, Year 4 will learn about keeping safe by developing confidence in making sensible choices, understanding how to stay safe online and in everyday situations, and knowing who to turn to for help and support.

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