

Year 4 Class Newsletter Autumn Term 2026

Welcome to Year 4. I hope that everyone had an enjoyable and restful summer. My name is Miss McDonald, and I am really looking forward to getting to know the children, supporting them through an exciting year. I look forward to meeting you at the Parents Information Meeting. However, if you would like to ask anything further about the upcoming year, I am happy to arrange a phone call.

Maths

Throughout this term, we will be focusing on place value up to ten and thousands. We will then look at geometry and properties of shapes. In the second half of the term, we focus on multiplication and division followed by addition and subtraction, including mental maths. The maths learning will encourage problem solving and investigation so that children gain confidence applying their knowledge across a variety of scenarios.

English

During the first half term children will be reading the book 'The Firework Makers Daughter'. We will explore the characters and develop our narrative writing and character descriptions. We will then use the story as inspiration to write a persuasive letter, before finishing the half term by exploring discussion writing and how to form and support an argument.

Reading

In Year 4, we use the whole class guided reading approach and will continue this throughout the Autumn Term, whilst also providing focused support on retrieval and inference skills. The children will continue to read independently and quiz using Accelerated Reader. The children are expected to read five times a week at home with at least three of these occasions being reading to an adult.

PE

In the Autumn term children will be focussing on dodgeball and football. Our scheduled P.E lessons are Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure that the children come into school wearing the correct PE uniform and footwear on these days.

Science

During the first half term, the children will begin to look at 'Living Things and their Habitats'. They will then apply their knowledge by using keys to identify living things. We will follow this by looking at 'Solids, Liquids and Gases'. Over these units, there will be many opportunities for the children to develop their scientific enquiry skills, including making observations, asking questions and recording their findings.

Humanities

In this term we are starting with Geography where we are looking at 'Why do people live near volcanoes. This will involve learning about the structure of Earth and how mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes are formed. Then we will move on to History where we will be exploring the question 'How have Children's lives changed?' over time. Throughout this we will look at how leisure, health and work have all changed through the past.

Homework

Homework will be set each Friday to be completed by the following Friday. Each piece serves to support or consolidate the skills which we have been learning during lessons.

The children will be expected to complete reading, spelling, grammar and maths learning at home. They should also be practising their times tables. My Maths and TT Rockstars will be used to set homework so if you have any issues logging on, please let me know. I will be ensuring that all login details have been stuck in on the inside cover of the homework book. If you are unable to access any of the computer-based homework, then let me know.

Children will also be asked to complete an extended project each half term. Further information will follow closer to the half-term break.

Finally, please feel free to contact me should you wish to discuss your child. I value communication with you all to ensure a successful year together.

Many thanks
Miss McDonald