

Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 – 2025-26

The usual reminders...

Please remember that all children will need a waterproof coat in school, lots of children are getting very wet and cold as they are not appropriately wrapped up.

We have proposed that the wellies left in school from last year are pooled and sorted into sizes which children can freely choose from when needed, rather than parents buying a new pair when outgrown. If it is wet, children will go to the welly store and collect a pair in their size, putting them back at the end of break. This will save lots of time and fuss, making it easier and quicker to get splashing.

However, if you would like to take your wellies back from last year, please do pop in to collect them. If you want to discuss this further, get in touch.

PE kit should be plain dark bottoms, a white t-shirt, and a plain dark jumper or hoody, or school jumper or cardy.

Please label everything! Names easily wash out so do keep checking. I have had dozens of jumpers left in the classroom which have now gone to lost property.

Homework and reading

In Y4, children are given homework on a Friday which is due in on a Wednesday. If your child is absent on a Friday, please encourage them to collect a sheet from the tray.

For each piece of writing we are working on, we will focus on a handful of key spellings. There is no spelling test anymore. Children will aim to use these spellings in their written work.

Please help your child to read each evening. Even a few minutes at bedtime is better than nothing.

Multiplication Table Check (MTC)

We have already started practising for the MTC by using purple mash most days. Please encourage your child to use Purple Mash (MTC practice) and TT Rockstars as much as possible at home.

Last half term, I sent home a laminate (same we use in class) so your child can continue their practice at home. Additionally, I'll be sending home TT practice packs (same we use in class).

If you would like to know more about how to use them, let me know.

English

In English, children will write a non-chronological report about the Roman army. We will be focusing on coordinating and subordinating clauses as well as some key spellings.

We will then move onto characterising speech, where we will use dialogue to enhance the plot of a short narrative.

Maths

In maths, the children will continue their work on column methods for addition and subtraction using numbers with up to 4-digits.

Children will then move onto a measurement unit where they will learn about length and perimeter, including converting lengths from cm to m.

Finally, we will start looking more closely at multiplication and division. We will explore the commutative relationship between fact families.

Wider curriculum

We are continuing our exploration of the Romans this half term!

We will focus on DT as we will be making Roman mosaics and Roman helmets using various art and DT techniques.

We also have a trip this half term where we will get some hands-on experiential learning that will really bring the topic alive for your children.

P.E.

Year 4 pupils will have PE twice a week on Monday and Wednesday. Please come to school wearing the correct PE kit on those days.

Both sessions will be dedicated to dance. In the main, longer session, the children will explore Roman movements and dances. In the shorter session, we will dance through the decades, from the 60s to the 2010s! Perhaps you'll recognise a few moves...