



Year 4 Newsletter

A Note from the teachers

Welcome to Year 4. The adults in this year group are:

4A - Miss Stewart class teacher and Miss Shobna LSA.

4B - Miss Dafiaga class teacher and Mrs Lengthorn LSA.

This half term in class we are learning about...

Our topic for this half term is 'Somewhere to Settle.' We will be learning all about how the towns and cities of the UK first developed. Children will learn about the needs and requirements early settlers had when choosing a place to build a home. They will look at place names around the UK to see how the Anglo-Saxons, Romans and Vikings all left their mark.

Our art topic is 'Fruit and Vegetables' where children will be taught to use pencil, colour, paint, clay and textiles to create quality artwork that shows progression in their skills.

The children will also explore the work of the designer, Carl Warner, textile artist, Michael Brennan-Wood and Italian painter, Caravaggio.

In science we are learning about 'States of Matter' where we will learn about the differences between solids, liquids and gases, classifying objects and identifying their properties.

In computing we will be looking at the programming Turtle Logo unit which will teach children how to create an algorithm to program a procedure.

Key dates for your diary

Tuesday 26th November - Parents' Evening

Thursday 28th November - Parents' Evening.

Thursday 12th December - Christmas dinner and jumper day

Friday 13th December - Christmas Fayre (1-3pm)

Tuesday 17th December - KS2 Christmas carol concerts (9 am & 1pm)

Thursday 19th December - Class parties PM

PE

This term P.E. will be on a Thursday. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit, which consists of a purple t-shirt, black tracksuit bottoms or leggings or shorts (weather permitted) and trainers or plimsolls. Kits are available in the office should you need to purchase any item(s).



Homework

Homework will be sent home on Thursday and is due in on Tuesday. Children will be expected to complete Maths, English and Reading homework as well as a home reader to read with an adult. In addition, children are expected to practice their times tables regularly as year 4 have their multiplication check in June 2025. Your child can practice on the free website:

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

Reading at home

Children will have 'Home Readers' that we expect them to read daily. These books will be changed regularly. The extra practice at home is vital in improving their reading skills. Children will have a reading record for you to write any comments in every time you read with them. Children need to read for at least 15 minutes per day and their reading record needs to be filled in daily and brought into school. We then log how much a child reads and certificates are given out at reading milestones during achievement assembly.

Term Dates:

Autumn 2 - 4th November - 20th December 2024.

Xmas holiday: 23rd December 2024 - 3rd January 2025

Spring 1 - 6th January 2025 - 14th February 2025.

