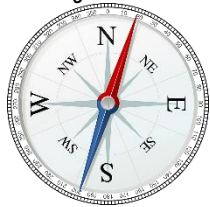


Year 4 Curriculum Spring Newsletter 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to a new and exciting term. We hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday and that children are ready to learn lots of new and exciting things this term.



This term our topic will be 'Map skills' We will learn about how to use a map, compass and coordinates. We will investigate the human and physical geography of the UK and Europe.

In **Science** we will begin to look at states of matter, solids, liquids, and gases. Following this, we will begin looking at habitats and where animals live.

In **English** we will begin with writing recipes and learning key features of them and using imperative verbs. There will also be a strong focus on spelling, punctuation, and grammar. Children will be set weekly spellings and tested the following week. Please help your children to learn these at home.

The children enjoy **Guided Reading** and we will be reading Charlotte's Web. We make time for reading every day in class for at least 25 minutes. We will also continue to focus on written comprehension and how to answer a variety of comprehension questions. Parents can help the development of reading comprehension skills enormously by discussing what children have read with them on a regular basis and all children should be reading daily for 20 minutes at home.



Reading is an important skill, and children will continue to have a reading book from the school which matches their Accelerated Reader level. Your support in listening to your child read and the comments you make in their reading record book are much appreciated.

We will continue to work on our **Maths** throughout the term, building on what we have already learnt, such as, the four rules: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; decimals and conversion of measures. A good knowledge of **times tables** is essential for a child to make good progress in maths. We will continue to use TT Rockstars and the children are expected to play 5 times a week for ten minutes at home.



It is quite useful for the children to complete the sound check game to practise at home. The children are also able to show you on the app their own individual heat map and the progress they have made so far with their times tables.



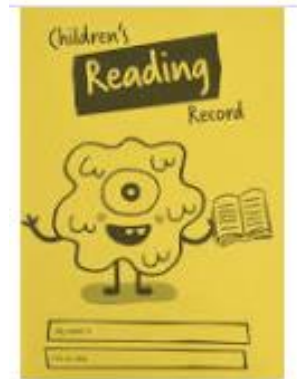
Our PE days are Wednesday and Thursday. Please make sure that PE kits are in school on these days. Children need to bring black shorts, a house colour short sleeved top and plimsolls. They may wish to bring jogging bottoms or a top (dark in colour) and trainers for outside lessons during the colder months. Please label all items of clothing so that we can return any misplaced items.

In Art we will be looking at digital art and learning how to copy, alter and make digital patterns.

In Music we will be learning musical vocabulary, looking at songs with a swing feel and a fanfare.

During RE we will be learning more about Buddhism and the eight-fold path.

It is important that children look after the yellow Reading Records. Home communication books are for recording reading, spellings and other homework activities and some children like to put their stickers and certificates in them. Positive comments, notes to parents and other information about a child's learning are sometimes recorded in books so it is important they are checked by adults regularly. The children can write in their own reading record that they have read, please can an adult sign this. Just a reminder that the children are expected to read for 20 minutes every day during the school week.



If you have any questions, feel free to speak to us after school or send a message via Class Dojo to book an appointment to meet in person if you need a little more time for discussion.

We are looking forward to working with you and the children this term.

Mrs Rouse and Mrs Keen