Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn 2 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term is one of the most exciting, yet busiest, as we have so many things to look forward to, please refer to the curriculum overview on this newsletter.

Reading will be a key priority this year, so please encourage your child to **read every day** and ensure their **reading book and record is signed and brought into school daily**. The children also have access to Reading Plus which they can complete at home.

Our PE days will be **Tuesday and Friday** so children should come prepared on these days.

We also have the **Multiplication Tables Check** ahead, so regular daily practice at home on **Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)** is very important.

We're looking forward to another fantastic term together!

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Key Dates

KS2 Water Workshops – 3rd November
Class Cinema Trip – 13th November
Anti-Bullying Week – 16th-20th November
Parent/Carer Meetings – 17th-18th November
Superhero Day – 18th November
Wear Your Words Day – 19th November
School Closed for Inset Day – 20th November
School Closed for Inset Day – 23rd November
Art Museum Visit – 27th November
Non-uniform Day (Tombola donations) – 7th December
Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day – 11th December
Christmas Performance – 15th December
Christmas Fair – 16th December
Pantomime (In School) – 17th December
School Closes for Christmas at 13:30 – 18th December

Class Timetable



Year 4 Timetable: Autumn 2



	08:45 - 09:05	09:10 - 09:25	09:25 - 09:55	10:00 - 10:50	10:50 - 11:05	11:10-12:15	12:15 - 12:30	12:30 - 13:15	13:15 - 13:30	13:30-14:10	14:10 - 14:20	14:20-15:00	15:00 - 15:15
Monday	Reading Plus / Registration	Spellings - MD	Shared Reading - MD	GPS + Literacy	Break	Maths	TTRS	Lunch	Handwriting	Week 1 & 2: RE Week 2 & 3: Geography Week 4 & 5: DT Week 6 & 7: Science	Break	Week 1 & 2: RE Week 2 & 3: Geography Week 4 & 5: DT Week 6 & 7: Science	Singing Assembly
Tuesday				Spanish / ECT – MD GPS		ECT – MD Maths				PPA – MD Computing		PPA – MD Computing	Class Novel
Wednesday				GPS + Literacy		PE / Maths				Week 1 & 2: RE Week 2 & 3: Geography Week 4 & 5: DT Week 6 & 7: Science		PE	Class Novel
Thursday				GPS + Literacy		Maths				Week 1 & 2: RE Week 2 & 3: Geography Week 4 & 5: DT Week 6 & 7: Science		Week 1 & 2: RE Week 2 & 3: Geography Week 4 & 5: DT Week 6 & 7: Science	Class Novel
Friday		PE		GPS + Literacy		Maths			Celebration Assembly	Week 1 & 2: RE Week 2 & 3: Geography Week 4 & 5: DT Week 6 & 7: Science		Week 1 & 2: RE Week 2 & 3: Geography Week 4 & 5: DT Week 6 & 7: Science	Class Novel

Curriculum Overview

Maths

Unit 3: Addition and subtraction

- Add and subtract numbers with up to four digits using the formal written methods of columnar addition and subtraction where appropriate.

Unit 4: Measure - area

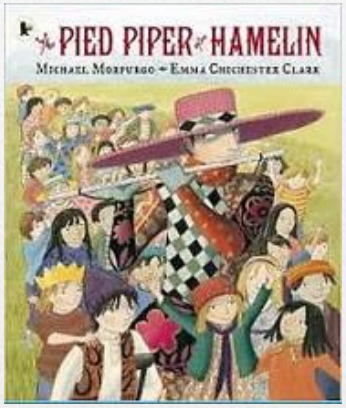
- Find the area of rectilinear shapes by counting squares

Unit 5: Multiplication and division (1)

- Recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12 x 12.

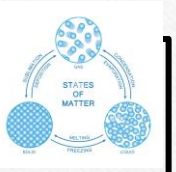
English

The Pied Piper – Robert Browning



- Diary
- Letter
- Character description
- Monologue
- Alternate retell
- Christmas poetry

Science



Changing State

- Compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases.
- Observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius.
- Identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.

Geography

How can we live more sustainably?

- What does sustainable actually mean?
- How can we help to make our school more sustainable?
- Why are we seeing more wind and solar farms in the countryside?
- How is sustainable development helping the Lapwing out of the red?
- How are solar cookers helping Sunita and her family to live more sustainably?



RE

Why is Jesus inspiring some people?





Computing

Animation





D&T

Seasonal Stockings

Design, make and evaluate: Textiles

Spanish

Christmas

New Year



PE

Badminton

UK Sports Coaching

Children must come to school wearing the appropriate PE kit.





Music

Errollyn Wallen

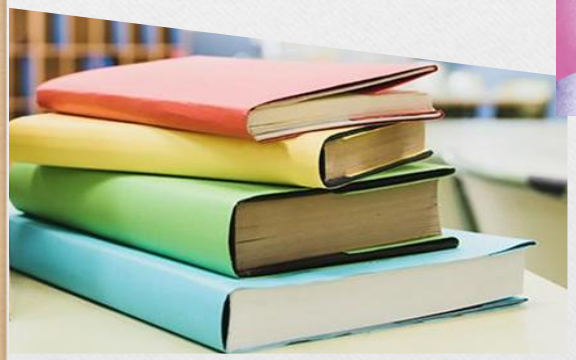


Reading

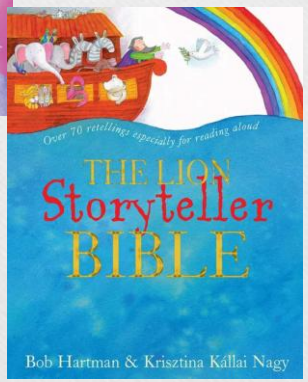
Children will continue to have independent reading books to take home, and they will access the school library.

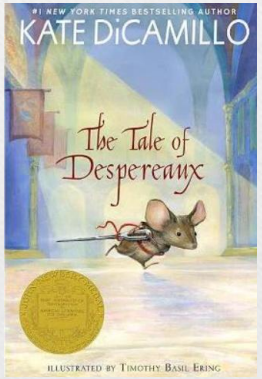
Reading books can be changed ANY day, as needed.

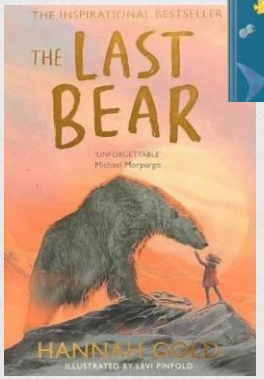
To further support independent reading for pleasure, take a look at the suggestions below that are linked to the topics and authors we are focusing on this half term:

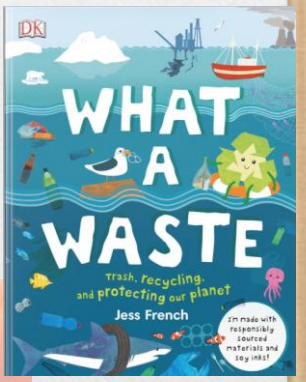












Home Learning

Maths homework:

With the **Times Tables Check** coming up, regular daily practice at home will be really important. For maths homework, children should use **Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)** to build their speed, accuracy and confidence with their times tables.

We'll also be having lots of exciting **TTRS competitions with Year 5,** so every practice session counts! High scores will help our class climb the leaderboard, so we encourage everyone to log in regularly, practise hard and do their very best. **Every point counts—let's see if we can become the TTRS champions!**

English homework:

Daily reading - Reading records to be signed and returned to school daily.

Spellings - Please encourage your child to regularly practise the spellings attached to the end of this newsletter.

Reading Plus – Children can access reading plus at home to improve their comprehension skills.

Spellings

accident	centre	experience	important	ordinary	reign
accidentally	century	experiment	interest	particular	remember
actual	certain	extreme	island	peculiar	sentence
actually	circle	famous	knowledge	perhaps	separate
address	complete	favourite	learn	popular	special
although	consider	February	length	position	straight
answer	continue	forwards	library	possess	strange
appear	decide	fruit	material	possession	strength
arrive	describe	grammar	medicine	possible	suppose
believe	different	group	mention	potatoes	surprise
bicycle	difficult	guard	minute	pressure	therefore
breath	disappear	guide	natural	probably	though
breathe	early	heard	naughty	promise	thought
build	earth	heart	notice	purpose	through
busy	eight	height	occasion	quarter	various
business	eighth	history	occasionally	question	weight
calendar	enough	imagine	often	recent	woman
caught	exercise	increase	opposite	regular	women