

# Sherwood Primary School

## Y4 NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 2026



Dear Parents and Children,

Happy New Year! We all hope you have had a fantastic Christmas, and you were able to spend time together with family and friends.

We have got lots of exciting topics and opportunities this Spring term. In Art, we will be learning to develop our drawing skills. In Geography, we will be investigating human and physical features of the UK as well as completing an environmental study based around rubbish and recycling. In Science, we will be learning about the digestive system. We will learn about the different types of teeth and their purposes, and the journey of food through the human body by completing a range of investigations. Our PE day is Thursday where we will be learning the skills required to play invasion games and completing a unit on gymnastics.

We will continue to learn our times tables in preparation for Badge 12 and the statutory multiplication check in June. [Click here](#) for more information.

Kind regards, Mr Stanton & Miss Terrell

### HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE SPRING TERM

Halle Orchestra at Bridgewater Hall  
Year 4 Musical performance for parents.  
DT – designing and making a book cover.  
World Book Day

### VOCABULARY TO LEARN AT HOME

Knowledge of these words are essential for learning this term. Please share and discuss together at home:

Environment, recycling, oesophagus, intestines, canines, molars, incisors, habitat, predator, prey, mummification, pharaoh.

### READING

All children in Year 4 are encouraged to read widely in order to gain skills which can be applied across the curriculum. Please try to read with your child every evening and discuss the pages read.

It is important to read a few pages followed by discussion, retelling, remembering facts and understanding of new vocabulary. For example, in addition to discussing the events in a fiction text, some useful questions to ask could be 'Can you find a word with a similar meaning to...', 'Can you find a clue on this page that tells us the character is angry?'

Enjoying a book with an adult is so beneficial to children and will help them on their learning journey. Hopefully they will continue develop their love of reading, which will continue throughout their lives.

The children in Year 4 will have daily opportunities to read in school but this will not always be one to one with an adult, therefore your role is very important in supporting their progress. Please record the pages you have read, or whether the book has been finished at home, in the home school diary.

Diaries will be collected in and signed on a Friday.

### THIS TERM WE ARE READING

This term Year 4 will be learning about stories with an issue or dilemma using the supporting text - 'A Matter of Loaf and Death'. Later in the term we will be enjoying reading 'The Firework Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman'. We will also be reading a selection of explanation texts to discover their features..

At home, children are encouraged to read regularly with an adult and discuss the text read, as well as reading independently.

### OUR CURRICULUM

It is an action-packed term of learning in Y4. For our full Y4 curriculum documentation, please visit [our website](#) (Curriculum – Sherwood Curriculum). This provides an overview of key learning across the Curriculum.

### HOMEWORK

Homework will be set every Friday through our Y4 Class Page on the Website. Homework is to be handed in the following Wednesday; please support your child to organise their work and time effectively.

Weekly homework may include:

- Daily reading;
- Spelling investigations including Spelling Frame;
- Grammar and handwriting tasks;
- Maths activities including the CGP book.

Please make sure that your child completes their homework to a high standard – with a focus on clear presentation and detail. Please do not hesitate to speak to a member of our Y4 team if your child requires additional support with homework.