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YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

Spring 2nd Half 2026

Passport to Europe

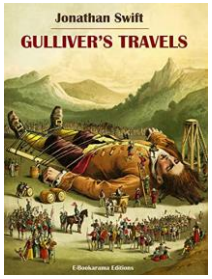
Welcome back, Year 4! You did an amazing job last half term with your dilemma stories and your fantastic Science posters — well done! 🖐
Spring is on its way, the mornings are getting brighter, and we have lots of exciting learning ahead!

English

This term we will be reading Gulliver's Travels. We will explore the Land of Lilliput and then write our own new chapter of the story.
We will be

- Using specific nouns to add detail
- Writing in clear Standard English

After that, we will write non-chronological reports about travel. If you have any travel leaflets at home, please bring them in!



Maths

In Maths, we will be learning about:

- Division using the chunking method
- Formal addition and subtraction (including money)
- Sorting 2D shapes
- Position and direction
- Area

You will soon complete your Multiplication Test, so keep practising your times tables!

Geography

Why do we holiday in Italy? We will explore modern-day Italy and learn about:

- Cities
- Famous landmarks
- Human and physical features

You will create a travel brochure linked to our English work.

Science

How does electricity work?
We will:

- Learn how electricity works
- Build electrical circuits
- Test different ideas to see how circuits change

Computing

Data Logging

You will:

- Collect data
- Study data collected over time
- Learn about data points and logging intervals

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Function & User

You will design and make your own nightlight, linking with our Science topic on electricity.

RE

How should we live our lives?

We will learn about Christianity and think about this question:

- Is sacrifice an important part of religious life?

French

You will learn:

- How to talk about your family
- Numbers from 40–200

PSHE

In the Happy Mind programme, we will explore:

- Relating to others
- Relationships

Music

Hoedown Throwdown (Country and Americana - Ukulele Focus)

PE

- Net and Wall games
- Rugby (Invasion Games)

Significant sportsperson: Ellie Simmons.
PE is on Wednesday afternoon, so please come to school in your PE kit on Wednesdays.

Reminders

Celebration board – Bring in homework or achievements from home to share, we love celebrating your successes!

Toys etc.– Toys, football cards, keyrings, and jewellery must stay at home to keep everyone happy and safe.

PE – Mr Ridge will be teaching the children PE skills on Wednesday afternoon. The children should come to school in their PE kit on Wednesday

Class Novel – We will continue reading Beowulf, linking to our learning about the Anglo-Saxons.

Communication – please come and have a chat before or after school at the door if you have a quick message.

Reading at Home

Please read every day.

Now that you are fluent readers, it's important to:

- Answer questions
- Think about characters' feelings
- Find information that is not directly written in the text

Don't forget to get your reading diary signed!

Homework

- Half-term homework menu will be sent home
- Weekly spellings and games are on Spelling Frame
- Practise your times tables regularly

Multiplications

Learning times tables helps you become quicker and more confident in Maths. Try these fun ideas:

- Count in multiples while on the swings
- Play ball games
- Use hoops
- Play board games
- Do active challenges (e.g. "Do 5 × 3 hops!")
- Try a treasure hunt
- Use colourful or fun pens