

Key Dates for Spring Term 2026

Monday 5th January - School Opens - Spring Term 1

Friday 9th January - INSET day (staff only)

Tuesday 20th January - EAL coffee morning

Friday 23rd January - PTA Quiz night

Tuesday 10th February - Safer Internet Day

Thursday 12th February - Valentines Disco

Friday 13th February - School closes for half term at 3.15pm

Monday 23rd February- INSET day (staff only)

Tuesday 24th February - School Opens - Spring term 2

Friday 27th Feb - Midterm Reports out and books go home

Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th March- Parents Evening

Thursday 5th March- World Book Day

Friday 27th March - School closes for Easter break at 3.15pm

Year 3/4 Spring 2026



ETCHELLS
Primary School

Spring Term
2026

Digging up the Past

3/ 4 TL

Mrs Townend

Mrs Lambert

3/ 4VR

Miss Rehman

Mrs Vedvik

3/ 4C

Mrs Collins

Foundation

We do many exciting topics in Year 3/4 which enable us to cover all aspects of the curriculum.

Our topic this term is called 'Digging up the Past'. This is a history based topic in which we will be learning all about Ancient Civilisations with a focus on The Ancient Egyptians. We will make lots of links to other areas of the curriculum.



English

Our English will be based around the short film, The Blue Umbrella. The children will be developing their sentence stacking skills through this medium. They will also be writing a non-chronological report on their science topic, Animals, including Humans. We will also be continuing to work on our spellings and phonics.

Maths

We will be continuing our work on multiplication and division, and will complete units, length, perimeter and fractions. This year the children need to learn to tell the time to the nearest minute on an analogue and a digital twelve hour clock. Please practise this skill at home.



Computing

Miss Copley, who is a computing specialist, will be delivering lessons to all children this term. She will cover programming and coding. The children use a programme called Scratch.

Homework

Curriculum - The children will be given six challenges. They need to complete two of the six challenges, one creative and one written task by February half term.

Reading - Your child will read every day each week in a whole class reading session. Their independent book to share at home will be changed when they finish it. They will also bring home a library book to read independently or share with the family. Please ensure that you sign in their reading diary each week when you have read with your child.

Spellings—We work on a range of spellings each week in class, you can help at home by using the 1/2 spelling list or 3/4 spelling list to rehearse some of the words that your child is unsure about. These lists can be found on our school website.

Times Tables - Year 3 need to be confident with the x2, x3, x4, x5, x8 and x10 and Year 4 need to know all the multiplication times tables up to 12x12 ready for the Times Tables Test in June which all Year 4 children take to assess their knowledge.

Behaviour - We will be continuing to use Class Dojo as our reward system. The children will earn dojos for working hard, helping others, good manners etc. The children will work towards a whole class treat when 4000 dojos are achieved.

PE

This term, children will be doing PE on a Monday or Tuesday (outdoors) and gymnastics on a Friday Please send them to school wearing their PE kit. Earrings should not be worn on PE days..

After half term, they will be doing dance on a Monday and fitness on a Friday



Snacks

The children should bring a named, filled bottle of **water** every day. They can also bring a healthy snack at break time.

