



Year 4 Newsletter - February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely half term break. This first spring half term is a particularly busy one! Our learning will include:

History – Christianity in Three Empires

Our history topic this half term will teach us about Christianity during the height of the Roman Empire, during the Byzantine Empire and how it spread to Africa during the Aksumite Empire.

Geography - Coasts

Our Geography focus this half term is titled 'Coastal Processes.' Children will be learning about coastal habitats. We will also look at the coastal processes: erosion, transportation & deposition. We will also learn about the UK's Jurassic Coast, including the significance of the coast's rocks, fossils and landforms.

Science – Living Things and Their Habitats

In this unit, the children will revise the characteristics of living things; look at how we can sort and classify living things; learn about vertebrates and invertebrates, and think about how humans affect plant and animal habitats.

Religion and World Views - What can we learn about Christianity?

This unit of learning will focus on Christianity, and will provide a cross-curricular link to our history topic. We will explore aspects of Christian festivals, celebrations, practices and communities around the world and the beliefs to which they relate.

Maths - Fractions

This half term, following a short unit on area, the children will learn about fractions. This is a long unit in Year 4. For a full breakdown of the objectives covered, please check the school website and/or weekly overview posted on ParentHub.

English

We will be writing non-chronological reports. The children will build up to writing a report about an animal; this will include doing online research to gather the information for their report.

Times Tables - The statutory **Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)** will take place in June this year. More information will be emailed out to parents and carers regarding this. In preparation, we are encouraging more use of Times Tables Rock Stars at home (10/15mins, three times a week would be a good idea to aim for). ['Hit the Button'](#) is also a very good free online game to build up quick recall of times table facts.

Music – Vivaldi's The Four Seasons

This unit will involve singing, listening and appraising, as well as identifying contrasting sections and structure within Vivaldi's 'Winter'. The unit will culminate in composing and performing our own winter themed compositions.

P.E- Gymnastics and Games

In our teacher led PE sessions, we will be moving on to a new gymnastics unit focusing on receiving body weight. Every other week, the children will have an invasion games focus - inventing games and problem solving - with Mario.

Forest School

Classes will continue with the following Forest School sessions:

4P: 11th March

4R: 18th March

4B and **4O** will do their next block of sessions after half term. Precise Summer Term dates will be sent towards the end of this half term.

Year 4 dates for your diaries:

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Tuesday 10th March – Year 4 visit the classroom for parent/carers (8:50am – 9:10am)

Thursday 12th March – **4P** trip to Natural History Museum for show and exhibition about earthquakes

Friday 13th March – INSET day (school closed for all children)

Tuesday 17th March – Year 4 Inter-Colour Sports Day

Tuesday 24th March and **Wednesday 25th March** – Parent meetings this term will be taking place between 4-6pm online on SchoolCloud. More details on this to follow.

Tuesday 24th March – **4B** & **4R** trip to see 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at the Unicorn Theatre

Wednesday 25th March – **4O** trip to see 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at the Unicorn Theatre

Thursday 26th March – **4P** trip to see 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at the Unicorn Theatre

Trips in Summer Term

After half term, all Year 4 classes will be doing a local visit to OmVed Gardens in Highgate (this will be in April). Further details, including exact dates and details of how parents/carers can volunteer to support classes on the day, will be sent out later this half term.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Here's to another exciting and productive half term!

The Year 4 team