



Year 4 Newsletter - April 2026

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely break. We can't believe that we are now entering the final term of Year 4!

Here is an overview of what we are covering this half term:

Maths – Fractions and Decimals

After completing our unit on fractions, we will build on this by learning about decimals. Following decimals, we will do a unit about money. As always, specific objectives are available for you to view each week on the weekly overview on ParentHub.

In preparation for the **Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)** in June, we will continue to complete turbo tests each week in class. It would be very beneficial to your child if you can help them to develop their instant recall of all times tables up to 12x12 at home. TT Rockstars is a great website for practising times tables, particularly of the 'Sound Check' feature.

English – Stories for South Asian Super Girls

Our focus text for this half term will be 'Stories for South Asian Super Girls' by Raj Kaur Khaira, which tells the inspirational life-stories of 50 famous and under-celebrated women from Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka. Over the course of the unit, we will read and discuss several biographies from the book, focusing on the inspiring people themselves, as well as learning about the features of biographical writing. The children will then conduct research on a person that they find interesting and inspiring, in order to then write a biography about them.

Geography - Tourism

After completing our unit learning about coasts, we will begin our new topic: 'Tourism'. We will learn about different types of tourism, the advantages and disadvantages of tourism, how tourism has changed over the last 100 years, and the idea of sustainable tourism.

Science – Electricity

After completing our unit 'Living Things and Their Habitats', we will move on to our new unit: 'Electricity'. We will learn how electricity is produced for our homes; we will learn to identify parts of a circuit; we will learn about conductors and insulators, and finally, we will discuss how electricity has changed the world.

History – Arabia and Early Islam

After completing our unit: 'Christianity in Three Empires', we will move on to 'Arabia and Early Islam'. We will pick up our learning in 570 CE, at which time, the Byzantine Empire was dominating the Mediterranean. We will learn about the significance of Makkah, Muhammad's revelations, and the beginnings of the Islamic faith.

Religion and World Views- How should we live our lives and what should inspire us?

The key questions the children will explore are:

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- What values and commitments have been inspired by founders of faith, communities, or leaders?
- How have actions of people of faith changed our world?
- How might we change our lives in the light of the qualities demonstrated by other people?

PE – Gymnastics and Athletics

This half term, the children will focus on 'Rotation' in gymnastics with their class teachers. The children will focus on 'Athletics' with Mario.

Computing – Collaborative Learning

This half term, the children are due to start a unit on 'Collaborative Learning'. They will learn how to use Google Documents and shared PowerPoints.

PSHE – Health & Well-Being and Citizenship

Our focus will continue to be 'Health & Well-being' before moving on to 'Citizenship', in which the first lesson will look at human rights.

Music – Blackbird by The Beatles

We will begin the half term by continuing to learn about Vivaldi's 'The Four Seasons'. We will then move on to listening to, appraising and learning about the history of the song 'Blackbird' by The Beatles. The children will sing and create their own piece of music inspired by the song.

Forest School

Please see ParentHub messages for details of forest school dates for each class.

As we move into the change in season and warmer weather (hopefully!), please keep an eye on the forecast for your child's forest school days. If the weather is forecast to be hot, please ensure to send children in with sun cream, a hat and a bottle of water.

Dates for your diary:

English Touring Opera performing 'Ada and the Code Crusaders' – Tuesday 21st April

4R trip to Omved Gardens – Monday 27th April

4B trip to Omved Gardens – Tuesday 28th April

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are sure this will be another exciting, busy and happy half term!

The Year 4 team

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