



Year 4 Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2024



Welcome to Year 4! We hope that you have had a relaxing break and enjoyed your time off and managed to spend time with family and friends. We cannot wait for another action-packed year! We have some great topics in Year 4 which excite the children and nurture curiosity. This year is going to see both classes working and enjoying time together, with children being able to enjoy their friendships and play with others. We will be planning a lot of exciting trips out and, of course, a residential (this will be in the early part of 2025).

We look forward to your continued support throughout the year, a positive home-school relationship is paramount for children's success.

Topic

Our topic for the first half term is Railways. After half term we will start Rivers and Coasts topic. We have a great trip planned to Peak Rail for a ride on a steam train to further enhance the children's learning.

Reading at home

Reading under pins everything your child will be doing in Year 4. We would ask that you encourage your child to read for at least 10 minutes a day and record this in their home school diary. Children will earn Bookflix stamps for every read at home; every 25 reads you will go into the prize draw for the end of the term and every 50 reads will earn you a book. Please ensure your child brings their reading folder/book bag into school every day.

Homework and Spellings

For homework, we ask that children read to their parents at least 3 times a week.

The children need to practice their instant recall of times tables up to 12x12 in preparation for the timetables check.

Statutory spellings will be given out for your child to learn, and they will sit spelling challenges each week on a Monday morning.

Other homework will be given out weekly which will be a refresher of the week's work. Children will earn dojos for completion of this work.

Healthy Snacks for Break Time

We would like to encourage all children to bring in a piece of fruit or healthy snack for break time. Non-healthy snacks will be saved for lunch time.

PE Kit

We have swimming on a Monday morning and a PE lesson on a Thursday morning. Children will need to bring their PE kit in a bag to hook on their peg and change in school for the session. We recommend that children leave their PE kit in school for the whole half term.