



Year 4 Class Newsletter

Spring Term 2025



We hope you have had a great Christmas holiday and a great New Year! Welcome back to Year 4 in 2025!

We have another action-packed term for the children with great learning opportunities, visitors in school and an exciting topic.

Topic

Our topic for this term will be Vikings and Saxons. We are lucky to welcome a visitor in school, who specialises in the Viking period to deliver a day of fun learning activities. Please see the poster on dojo for simple costumes ideas for children to come as Vikings/Saxons. Our science topics for this term are sound and animals including humans (digestion). We will be conducting sound walks, measuring sound levels and many more scientific investigations. In art, we will be re-telling our book (How to Train Your Dragon) through drawing.

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 practice in their home spelling books. Children will sit spelling challenges each week on a Monday morning.

Topic homework (optional) can be found on the homework grid for children to complete – dojos will be earned for completing this.

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

PE this term will happen on a Tuesday afternoons (gymnastics) and a Thursday morning (invasion games). 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.