

Year 4

with Mr Mayfield and Miss Carlton-Ware
February - March 2025



Hello Year 4 parents!

Firstly, thank you for all the hard work that you have done with your children over the last few months. Your phenomenal engagement makes a world of difference to the children's education and we really appreciate all of your support. Last half-term was full of exciting experiences and topics and we loved seeing your children be so engaged in their learning. Some of our personal highlights were learning about Fairtrade farmers and reading The Iron Man. The children loved these parts of our curriculum last half-term and really amazed us with the work they produced.

This half-term is again full of memorable and exciting new topics that we are positive the children will thoroughly enjoy. Our main learning theme for the next 6 weeks will be mountains. In this geography focused topic, the children will explore some of the worlds' most famous mountains, learn about their different features and consider the pros and cons of living near a mountain in an alpine region. As part of our geography fieldwork, the children will also be planning and performing an investigation where we will travel out into the local area to interview members of the public about their favourite leisure activities! To support their learning, it would be fantastic if the children could begin to research some of the worlds most famous mountains to create informative posters or fact files to be displayed in our classrooms.

Writing:

In our writing lessons this half-term, our main writing topic will be centred around creating a fictional quest story. This piece of writing will be full of descriptive language and we can't wait to see the children develop their stories in imaginative and creative ways. We have seen a fantastic attitude towards writing this year and the children should be really proud of the work they have produced so far in Year 4!

Maths:

In maths this half-term, we will be continuing to use the White Rose Maths scheme to explore the topics of Decimals and money. It would be very helpful if pupils could spend time re-visiting their previous years' learning on these topics – My Maths has lots of resources available that would be great for this.

Reading

We have also begun to explore our new reading text for this half-term, which is 'The Firework Makers' Daughter' by Philip Pullman. As usual, children will also have their own reading book chosen at their reading level. Please ensure that children bring these to school every day and that you listen to your child read at least 3x per week and sign the reading record page in their planners.

Times Table Check

The date for pupils to complete their Statutory Times Table Check is fast approaching (June 2025). To remind you, pupils will be tested on all times tables up to 12x12. The children need instant recall of these as they will get around 6 seconds to answer each question. If you have any questions on these, please do not hesitate to ask your class teacher.

Swimming and PE days

As you are already aware, it is now time for Frida Kahlo class to begin their weekly swimming sessions again. We have been really impressed with the dedication and progress the children have been showing. Thank you as well for ensuring that your child is always suitably prepared for their swimming sessions. Please see the PE days for both classes below:

Rob Burrow Class: In school PE days will be Mondays and Fridays.

Nelson Mandela Class: Swimming will be on a Friday morning as usual. The children will also have their PE lesson on Friday afternoon, so please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to speak to us on the door any evening or message us on Class Dojo and we will reply at our earliest convenience.

Many thanks,

Mr Mayfield and Miss Carlton-Ware

Important Dates:

- Y4 Parents Evening – Tuesday 11th March
- Last day before Easter break - 4th April
- Children back to school – 21st April
- June – Multiplication check

**You can help by:**

- Helping your child to recall multiplication facts up to 12 x 12 and division facts, as this is a huge focus in Year 4. Please encourage your child to use their Chromebooks also to support practice of these. There are lots of apps and websites ready on there for you.
- Listening to your child read and share stories with them, as well as asking questions about the book. Encourage your child to make predictions about what might happen in a book using evidence from the text to justify their ideas.
- Helping your child to complete their weekly homework. This homework is always based on current or upcoming learning and skills and an overview is provided weekly on Class Dojo.
- Encouraging your child to spend time researching the topics they are learning about at school. We love it when pupils bring us posters, stories or pieces of maths work they have done at home!