

Year 4

with Mr Mayfield and Miss Carlton-Ware
April – May 2025



Hello Year 4 parents!

Firstly, thank you for all the hard work that you do with your children at home. Your 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 the children made many fantastic memories. Some of our personal highlights were writing 3 different fictional stories for our in-class writing, the Arooj competition and The Great Gorse Writing Competition. The children's creativity with these stories blew us away! We also enjoyed learning about mountains in our geography topic, especially our trip to interview members of the public in Leeds City Centre!

This half-term is again full of memorable and exciting new topics that we are positive the children will also enjoy. Across this 5 week half-term, our main learning theme will be 'Sound'. In this exciting topic, we will learn all about how sound is created, how it travels and how it can be altered. As part of our D.T. curriculum, we will also be making our own musical instruments this half-term!

Writing:

In our writing lessons this half-term, our main writing topic will be centred around creating a fictional newspaper report about a troublesome giant being spotted in the local area. This is supported by our class reading text, The BFG. To introduce us to this topic, the children will be performing their very own newspaper report and interviewing 'victims' of the giants' actions.

Maths:

In maths this half-term, we will be continuing to use the White Rose Maths scheme to explore the topics of time and negative numbers. Time can often be a difficult topic for some pupils but this can be made easier by regular practice at home. Please do test your children by asking them to read the time on a 12 and 24-hour clock regularly.

Reading

This half-term, we will be reading a favourite of ours in Year 4, 'The BFG' by Roald Dahl. 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 may already be aware, it is now time for Rob Burrow 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: Swimming will be on a Friday morning as usual. The children will also have a PE lesson on Monday.

Nelson Mandela Class: PE days will be Monday and Wednesday.

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:

- Children back to school – 22nd April
- May Bank holiday – Monday 5th May.
- Half-term begins – Friday 23rd May.
- 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!