

Year 4

with Mr Mayfield and Miss Carlton-Ware

June – July 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 a short one but it was still full of exciting experiences and topics and the children made many fantastic memories. Some of our personal highlights were seeing the progress that Rob Burrow class made in their last half-term of swimming lessons, we are so proud of you! We also loved seeing the children become so invested in their times tables practice as we approach the date of the Y4 Multiplication Tables Check. It was brilliant to welcome so many of you to our parent workshop and we hope the children are enjoying their game packs!

This final half-term is again full of memorable and exciting new topics that we are positive the children will also enjoy. Across this half-term, our main learning theme will be 'Anglo-Saxons and Vikings'. In this exciting topic, we will learn all about who the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings were and the role they played in shaping the history of Britain. We will also be taking an exciting trip to the Royal Armouries Museum this half-term to support our learning in this topic. In science, we will be exploring the topic of electricity, this topic is always popular as the pupils get to practice making their own circuits!

Writing:

In our writing lessons this half-term, our main writing topic will involve learning how to create a non-chronological report about The Anglo-Saxons. The children will research, plan and then publish their report, which we are sure will be extremely informative!

Maths:

In this half term, the children will begin their new topic – shape. In this topic, they will revisit prior learning around the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, learn how to describe rotations around a point and also identify different types of angles.

Reading

In our Reading lessons children will be focusing on the book 'Beowulf', which is a fictional story that was originally written as a poem over one thousand years ago! 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 will be in the second week back after the holidays. 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 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: PE days will be Monday and Thursday.

Nelson Mandela Class: Swimming will be on a Friday morning as usual. The children will also have a PE lesson on Tuesdays.

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 – 2nd June.
- 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!