

Year 4
Miss Carlton-Ware and Mr Mayfield
February 2026 to March 2026



Welcome back everyone,
We hope you had a lovely week off and enjoyed your time with your family over the festive period.

This half-term, we have another fun filled curriculum in Year 4 that will be full of exciting learning opportunities and visits. Our main topic for this half-term is called 'Mighty Mountains'. Within the topic, we will be exploring what mountains are, how they are formed, what it's like to live near a mountain and we will even be conducting some interviews with members of the public as part of our fieldwork.

English

This half-term, we will be starting a new class novel called 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Phillip Pullman. The children will have opportunities to read parts of the text out loud to develop fluency and expression and will answer a range of comprehension questions to show their understanding. Many classes have loved this book in previous years so we can't wait to share it with your children!

In our writing lessons this half term, we will continue to write a structured discussion text around a debatable topic. In the text, the children will learn how to give reasons for and against a point of view in a fair manner.

Maths

This half-term, we will begin our Maths learning with fractions. We will explore equivalent fractions, improper fractions and adding and subtracting fractions. We strongly advise that children continue to practice their times tables at home daily, either on TT Rockstars or in the times table books provided at the beginning of the school year. Each week, the children also have opportunities to develop their fluency through daily fluency practice and improve their reasoning skills through whole class reasoning sessions.

Reading:

All children will have their own reading book chosen at their reading level. We would like you to continue to send your child to school each day with it, along with their planner. The children will also get to choose a different book from our class library to read for pleasure. Please take good care of all books sent home.

Please can you make sure that you sign your child's planner at least 3 times a week in order to have their book changed.

PE:

Muhammad Ali Class: Indoor PE will be on Mondays and Outdoor PE will be on Thursdays.

Marley Dias Class: Outdoor PE on will be on Thursdays and swimming will be on Fridays.

Please continue to send your children to school in their PE kits on their PE days. Please ensure that this is a plain black with black shorts or joggers/leggings. As we are entering the colder months, we would also recommend a plain black hoodie/sweatshirt.

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.

Many thanks,

Miss Carlton-Ware and Mr Mayfield

The Year 4 Team

Important Dates:

School closed for staff training day: 11th March

Last day of term: 2nd April

**You can help by:**

Encouraging your child to spend time at home practising their times tables on TT Rockstars and revisiting and challenging themselves on topics we have been learning in class on IXL or Top Marks.

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.

Encouraging and supporting your child to practise their spellings set for them each week.