



Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term (First Half) 2026

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! Welcome back after the Christmas holiday. We hope you had a restful and enjoyable time with your family. Last term was extremely busy, and we are proud of how Year 4 rose to the challenge! We are confident this half term will be just as good! If you require more information about the curriculum for this half term, please visit the school website.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by telephone through the school office or send us a message through the Class Dojo. If you require a quicker response or the question is urgent, then please contact us by telephoning the school office.

Many thanks. Miss Walmsley and Mrs Quinton

P.E.

Every Monday afternoon will our PE session. Please ensure your child has their school P.E. kit in school. The kit should contain red shorts, red P.E. T- shirt, black joggers and black pumps or trainers.

Every Wednesday afternoon the children will continue swimming lessons at Leyland leisure centre. Please remember that your child will need to bring to school their costume, a towel and a swimming hat every Wednesday.

Earrings - Only plain small stud earrings are permitted in school. The wearing of other jewellery (except watches) is also not permitted. Earrings should not be worn on Monday and Wednesday.

Long hair - please ensure that it is tied back every day with red, black or red tartan headbands.

Reading Books

School Reading books can be changed whenever your child is ready for a new book. Please sign their diary each time they read. You may also add any comment as well.

Please support your child at home by regularly listening to them read aloud. This helps fluency and enables mispronunciation of words to be identified. You can also help to develop comprehension skills by asking your child questions about the story that they have read. There are some example questions at the front of the reading diary.

Please record other types of books they enjoy reading. We will tally up the number of times each read at the end of the half term for our class competition.



Dates for your Diary

- Wednesday 7th January – First swimming session for this half term.
- Tuesday 13th January – Multiplication Check Parent's Meeting
- Thursday 6th and Friday 7th February – Word Gorilla in school
- Tuesday 10th February – Safer Internet Day
- Friday 13th February – Lego Robotics

Playtime snacks

Children are expected to place their breaktime snack in the tray in the classroom first thing in the morning. We encourage healthy snacks. Toast is available to purchase each day.

Water bottles

Children may bring in water bottles but these need to be taken home each day, washed and refilled. The children have access to their water bottles during morning breaktime and lunch time. We politely request that if your child has a packed lunch, then they have a separate drink that accompanies their lunch box.

Useful Websites

These websites may be of use to you during the year either to support your child with their homework or as information.

Internet Safety

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>
www.childnet.com/resources/supporting-young-people-online
www.saferinternet.org.uk/parental-controls
www.saferinternet.org.uk/safety-tools
www.childnet.com/online-gaming
www.pegi.info/en/index

Homework Websites

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/farington-pr26>
<https://kids.classroomsecrets.co.uk/>

Homework

Homework will be given out every Friday. A weekly homework information sheet will be published every Friday on the class story of the Class Dojo. There will be English homework that is linked to our genre, a spelling, punctuation or grammar activity (SPAG) or comprehension exercise to complete. Maths homework will link to the topics we are covering in class plus there will be a times table to learn. We are preparing the children to sit the multiplication check set by the government which will take place in June 2024. Each week in the homework information, we will let you know which times tables we are focusing on.

Worship theme

Our worship theme for this half term is Courage and Celebrating Candlemass.



Reading in Class

This half term our focus texts will be *Woof* by Allan Ahlberg and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl.

