

## Class 4 Newsletter Summer Term 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. We hope you all had a happy and refreshing Easter break. It has been lovely to see the children back at school after the holidays and we are looking forward to a new term.

Our timetable has changed a little this term, with swimming on Wednesdays and PE now on a Tuesday afternoon.

The following table gives a breakdown of what we are covering in the curriculum this term. More information about the curriculum be found on the half termly map attached with this newsletter.

### Curriculum at a glance – Summer 2023

Literacy	Class texts: Charlotte's Web by E.B. White and a selection of River poetry Extended story writing based on Charlotte's Web Non- chronological report writing, linked to Geography topic Personification in poetry Spelling (suffixes, prefixes, adverbials of frequency, possibility and manner) Punctuation (correct use of capital letters, full stops, commas, apostrophes for possession and contraction and speech marks) Features of narrative writing and of a variety of poetry types Grammar (extended noun phrases, prepositional phrases, the use of pronouns/ synonyms to avoid repetition, prefixes/ suffixes, similes/ metaphors)
Maths	Number: Decimals Shape: Properties of 2D shapes, angles, symmetry, position and direction Measurement: Money Statistics: Interpreting charts and graphs Problem-solving and reasoning skills
Science	States of Matter
Geography	Coasts, erosion, rivers and the water cycle (Rivers field trip)
RE	What kind of world did Jesus want? What is it like to follow God?

PSHE	Relationships and Changing Me
Computing	We are meteorologists (presenting the weather) We are co-authors (producing a wiki)
PE	Swimming, Athletics and Cricket
French	The Body and Sport
Art	Painting-watercolours (Hokusai's 'The Wave' and Monet's Waterlilies)
Music	Activities based around Blackbird and an appraisal of the year's work

## Home learning

Home learning will continue to be given on a Wednesday, to be completed and handed in by the following Tuesday.

Spellings (30 minutes): booklet to be completed and spellings to be learned (**\*\*Test now on Tuesday**).

Reading (20 minutes): At least three times a week, with an adult regularly signing and noting comments in Homework diary.

Times tables (30 minutes): Children will be told which to focus on (**\*\*Test now on Wednesday**) Please **keep practising!** The National Curriculum target is for all children to know their times tables up to 12x12 by the end of Year 4. **There will be an important national times tables test later this term.** It's also a life skill and helps enormously with accessing other areas of Maths.

Literacy or Maths (30 minutes): Written work to be completed in Homework book and handed in on Tuesday

Reading Eggs/Mathletics and TimesTables Rockstars online activities to be completed by Tuesday.

Please sign the completed homework to indicate that you have seen it being done.

Please remember that children should keep their homework/reading diaries in their book bags so that they are always in school.

## Being ready to learn

We have been making sure we are ready and prepared for learning each day and it has been good to see many children with the right equipment - PE kits, pencil cases, reading and homework books. If you haven't had a chance, could I respectfully ask you to check if your child needs any stationery for this term, especially whiteboard pens and glue sticks. PE kits should also be in school at all times.

This term I will be teaching Class 4 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs May continues to cover my PPA time, this term on a Tuesday morning.

***Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or concerns- find one of us on the playground, jot down a note in the homework diary or send an email via the school office to make an appointment or arrange a phone call. Thank you in anticipation for your continued support, which is much appreciated. We are looking forward to another busy term with your children!***

***Mrs Hyndman, Mrs Mann and Mrs May***

Word List for Year 3

address	answer	appear	arrive
believe	bicycle	calendar	centre
century	certain	complete	continue
decide	describe	early	earth
eight/eighth	experience	experiment	extreme
famous	favourite	February	forward(s)
fruit	grammar	group	history
important	learn	length	library
minute	natural	notice	often
perhaps	popular	probably	promise
quarter	question	regular	remember
sentence	special	strange	strength
therefore	woman	women	

Word List for Year 4

accident(ally)	actual(ly)	breath	breathe
build	busy/business	caught	circle
consider	different	difficult	disappear
enough	exercise	guard	guide
heard	heart	height	imagine
increase	interest	island	knowledge
material	medicine	mention	naughty
occasion(ally)	opposite	ordinary	particular
peculiar	position	possess(ion)	possible
potatoes	pressure	purpose	recent
reign	separate	straight	suppose
surprise	though/although	thought	through
various	weight		