

Class 4 – January 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for the kind and thoughtful presents and Christmas messages we received from you at the end of last term. We hope you all had a happy and refreshing Christmas 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 Fridays. Mrs Steere has now returned from maternity leave and will be teaching all day on Thursdays and the morning on Fridays. Miss Jones will continue to teach all day Monday - Wednesday.

Any donations of glue sticks or whiteboard pens for general class use would be very welcome.

We enjoy hearing about children's achievements outside school. Please let us know of any extra-curricular achievements, for instance passing a music exam, attaining a well-earned badge in Cubs or Brownies or even playing particularly well in sport at the weekend.

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

Curriculum at a glance – Spring 2026

Literacy	<p>Class texts: The Firework-Maker's Daughter Extended story writing based on The Firework-Maker's Daughter.</p> <p>Escape to Pompeii. Newsletter report.</p> <p>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. Features of a newspaper. Grammar (extended noun phrases, prepositional phrases, the use of pronouns/ synonyms to avoid repetition, prefixes/ suffixes, similes/ metaphors).</p>
Maths	<p>Number: Multiplication and division, decimals, fractions Measurement: Length and perimeter Problem-solving and reasoning skills Times tables up to 12x12</p>
Science	Sound, Living things
Geography	Mountains and volcanoes
RE	Sikhi (field trip to Sikh temple)

PSHE	Dreams and Goals, Healthy Me
Computing	Repetition in shapes Data logging
PE	Swimming, football, handball
French	Presenting myself, In the classroom
Art/DT	Cross-stich bookmarks Wooden picture-frames
Music	Stop Bullying rap Lean on Me

Home learning

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

Spellings: put words into full sentences and practise at least 3 times a week.

Reading: At least three times a week, with an adult regularly signing and noting comments in homework diary.

Times tables: Children will be told which to focus on. Test on every other 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 in June for all children.** It's also a life skill and helps enormously with accessing other areas of Maths.

Literacy or Maths: Written work to be completed in homework book and handed in on Wednesday.

Mathletics and TimesTables Rockstars online activities to be completed by Wednesday. **No more Reading Eggspress.**

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

We look forward to seeing parents and carers at Parents' Evening on the 11th and 12th March.

Future Events:

Year 4 visit to Gurdwara Thursday 29th January

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!

Miss Jones, Mrs Steere and the Year 4 team.

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	posses(ion)	possible
potatoes	pressure	purpose	recent
reign	separate	straight	suppose
surprise	though/although	thought	through
various	weight		