Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn 2—2026/2027

Notices and Reminders

Welcome to year 4!

Our PE day is **Thursday**. Please make sure that you come to school in your PE kit on that day. Reading books and reading records should be in school every day, as well as water bottles and coats (if necessary).

Reading

This half term, the children will be reading *The Girl Who Stole an Elephant* by Nizrana Farook. They will follow Chaya, a brave and adventurous girl who steals the Queen's jewels and sets off on a thrilling journey through the Sri Lankan jungle with her friends and a royal elephant.

As danger follows them at every turn, the children will explore themes of friendship, courage and loyalty. Will Chaya escape the King's guards?

We look forward to finding out!



Writing

The children will be developing their understanding of nouns, personal pronouns and adverbs as well as knowing how to use them effectively. They will also be composing their own finding tale alongside creating a persuasive advert.



Key dates

Monday 2nd November – School term starts

Tuesday 3rd November – Year 4 Bollywood Dance Workshop

Wednesday 4th November – Harvest Festival

Friday 13th November – School Disco

Monday 16th November – Flu Vaccinations

Friday 27th November – Stay and Read

Friday 4th December - Christmas Jumper Friday (Children may wear a festive jumper instead of their usual school jumper or cardigan)

Saturday 5th December – HLSA Christmas Fair

Friday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Friday

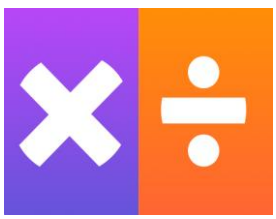
Monday 14th December – Phyllis Tuckwell Christmas Run

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Lunch

Friday 18th December - Christmas Jumper Friday and Last Day of Term

Maths

During the second half of the autumn term, the children will be learning different multiplication and division facts. This will help them in learning their times tables in preparation for their multiplication check at the end of year 4.



Science

In science this half term, the children will be learning all about the digestive system, the function of different types of teeth and they will conduct a practical investigation to see how different liquids affect their teeth! The children will then be looking at food chains, including their purpose and the different types of food chains that exist.



History

The children will be continuing to learn about how Ancient Greek culture has impacted the modern, western world. They will learn about the legacy of the Olympic Games, Greek gods and goddesses and Ancient Greek advancements in maths, science, language and theatre.



DT

This half term the children will be learning about frame structures and how to use a hot glue gun safely. They will then apply this knowledge to help them construct, reinforce and clad their own pavilion.





PE

This half term, the children will learn Bollywood dance, developing coordination, rhythm, balance and performance skills as they learn and perform energetic dance sequences inspired by Indian culture.



Computing

In computing, the children will explore animation by creating their own stop-motion videos. They will learn about frames, animation planning and camera setup before taking a series of photographs to show movement. Using iMovie, they will transform these images into an animation and enhance their work with music and text.



PSHE

In PSHE, the children will learn how to treat others with respect. They will explore different types of relationships, including friendships, understand consent and appropriate physical contact, and learn how to respond when they disagree with others. They will also develop their understanding of discrimination and how to respond to bullying.



French

In French this half term, children will build on their learning in the *Je me présente* unit, learning to share information about themselves, including their age and where they come from. They will then begin a new unit focussed on learning the names of a range of animals in French.



Suggested books for reading

