

Summer Term – Year 4



Welcome back to our busy Summer term. We are really looking forward to the coming months in Year 4, as we have many exciting activities and trips planned, including the Ilam Hall residential visit, our visit to the National Gallery and a visit to the University of Northampton.

The two year 4 classes continue to be taught by Mrs de Boer (4VdB) and Mr Draper (4JD). The classes are supported by Mrs Johnson and Mrs Gerrard. We also have Miss Robinson working alongside Mr Draper for the first part of the term.

If you have any questions, queries or worries at any point during this term, please do not hesitate to get in touch via the office or when you see one of us on the playground at the end of the day.

Maths

This term, our mathematicians will explore a wide range of topics designed to build both technical fluency and problem-solving confidence. In our number work, we are focusing on multiplication and division—including the impact of shifting digits by 10 and 100—alongside an introduction to decimals and geometric translations. We also continue to sharpen the children's ability to apply these formal calculations to complex reasoning activities.

There is a particularly strong emphasis on times tables this term as we prepare for the national Multiplication Tables Check in June. Please continue to support your child's practice at home using Times Tables Rock Stars, as daily recall makes a world of difference to their mathematical confidence!



English

We will start the term looking at an information book called 'The Story of Tutankhamun' by Patricia Cleveland-Peck, which links to our history topic on Ancient Egypt. This will give the children opportunities to develop their non-fiction writing skills. Our second genre of writing will be narrative, based on the story 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' by CS Lewis. This will enable the children to develop their story writing skills. Grammar skills will be taught and embedded within the writing units of work. We will also have sessions of writing in different curriculum areas to allow the children to use and apply their skills across the curriculum. There will be weekly spelling and handwriting sessions. Each week there will be a variety of reading sessions, including focused comprehension reading lessons, individual and paired reading opportunities and a class text that will be read regularly. Please continue to encourage your child to read at home and to discuss their reading with you.



History / Geography

Our first topic of the term is history based, in which the children will be learning about Ancient Egypt. In this unit, the children will develop their knowledge and understanding of chronology and will learn about the river Nile, Egyptian pyramids, hieroglyphics and the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb.

Our second topic is geography based and is called 'What is a river?'. In this unit of work, the children will learn about the different parts of a river and the journey of a river. The children will be focusing on the river Nene.



Computing

In our computing sessions this term, we will begin by looking at data and information using branching databases. We will then move onto programming using 'scratch', in which the children will learn how to create repetition in games.

The children will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding of keeping safe online through e-safety sessions.

We will continue to use ICT throughout the curriculum to consolidate and embed the children's skills, knowledge and understanding in computing.



Science

Our first unit of work in science is entitled 'Classification and Keys', in which the children will learn what classification is. The children will use a key to identify different animals. During the second part of the term, the children will explore a unit of work entitled 'Environmental Change'. Within both units of work, the children will be given opportunities to explore science in a practical way to develop their knowledge and understanding.

PE

For the first half term, both 4VdB and 4JD will have PE on a Wednesday (Pacesetters - team games) and Thursday (cricket). As we move through the summer term, the children will explore bat and ball skills. Please ensure your child comes to school in the correct PE kit on a Wednesday and Thursday (white t-shirt, black shorts / jogging bottoms, a warm top and trainers). Hair needs to be tied back and all jewellery removed for P.E.

Religion and Worldviews

In our first unit of work this term, the children will be focusing on the question: 'What are the five pillars of Islam and how can Muslims live by them?'. This unit of work focuses on the religion of Islam.

In our second unit of work, the children will be focusing on the question: 'What do different people believe about creation?'. In this unit of work, the children will explore different religious and non-religious beliefs.



Other Curriculum Areas

The children will continue to experience a range of different curriculum areas and opportunities in Year 4 this term. Alongside the curriculum areas already mentioned, the children will also experience units of work in:

- Music - playing glockenspiels
- French - In the Classroom / Weather
- PSHE - Relationships / Changing Me
- DT - Electrical Systems - Making Torches
- Art - painting

We also have some upcoming trips planned this term, so keep a look out for any letters and information relating to these.

Homework

Well done to the children for completing their homework tasks last term.

This term, we will continue to set homework on a grid with a range of activities linked to different curriculum areas from which the children can choose which tasks to complete. As the first half term is quite short and due to the Ilam Hall trip, we will be setting homework across the whole of the term in one grid, rather than as two separate grids in previous terms.

We would like the children to continue to complete their homework in their homework books.

Alongside this, children will be expected to read at home either to, with you or alone. They will also be asked to continue to learn and practise their multiplication tables using Times Table Rock Stars.

Year 4 Reminders

- The school day starts at 8.50 am and finishes at 3.30 pm. The children come into school and leave through the cloakrooms. Please ensure children wear the correct school uniform to school and arrive in school promptly.
- PE days are Wednesdays and Thursdays - the children need to come to school in their PE kit.
- P.E. days may change later on in the term.
- There is lots of information on the school website, including the Year 4 class pages. Look out for key information and dates on the Friday newsletters and within school letters.

We are here to help, so please contact us if you have any questions.

The Year 4 team

Year 4 Reading Journey

In our reading sessions, Year 4 will be exploring a range of texts. Please encourage your child to read at home and to record their reading using 'track my read'.

