

Summer Term 2025 – 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 and our visit to the National Gallery.

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 Ms Capiron.

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

There will be a variety of different maths topics covered this term. In our number work, the children will be covering multiplication (dividing by 10, 100 and formal methods) and decimals (tenths, hundredths, adding and subtracting). In geometry, we will be looking at coordinates and moving shapes using translation.

We will continue to develop the children's skills in using and applying their mathematical understanding in problem solving activities, alongside an emphasis on arithmetic skills and formal calculations. There will be a strong emphasis on times tables skills this term in preparation for the multiplication tables check in June. Please support and encourage your child to practise their times tables at home using Times Table Rock Stars.



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 'Are all rivers the same?'. In this unit of work, the children will learn about the different parts of a river and the impact on rivers of flooding. The children will be focussing on the rivers Nene and Nile.



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 'Alice in Wonderland', which will explore living things and solids, liquids and gases. During the second part of the term, the children will explore sound and light through a unit of work entitled 'School of Rock'.

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 (athletics) and Thursday (Saints - rugby). 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.

Religious Education

Our RE lessons this term will be focusing on the question: 'Keeping the Five Pillars - What difference can it make?'. This unit of work focusses on the religion of Islam. We have organised a visit to the Mosque in Winstanley Road to support and consolidate the children's learning in this topic.



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, they will also experience units of work in:

- Music
- French
- PSHE
- DT
- Art

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'.

