

## **Year 4 Newsletter – Summer (1) 2025**

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Summer Term is here—and hopefully, some warmer weather will be joining us soon too!

I just want to take a moment to say how proud I am of Year 4. They are such a wonderful group of children who continue to work hard and make good progress. Last half term brought a few unexpected challenges, but they handled everything with resilience, maturity, and a real sense of teamwork.

As this half term is a little shorter, we've got a lot of learning to fit in, but I know the children are up for the challenge. Thank you, as always, for your continued support—it really does make a difference.

Below is some information that I hope will be of use to you during the coming half term.

All English and Maths sessions will be taught in line with the National Curriculum and will cover a wide range of key objectives during the year.

### **Our other areas of learning will be as follows:**

<b>GEOGRAPHY</b>	<b>Rubbish and Recycling</b> How is our local environment helping with recycling? Could more be done?
<b>SCIENCE</b>	Living Things and Their Habitats
<b>R.E.</b>	<b>Islam</b> Why do Muslims fast during Ramadan?
<b>COMPUTING</b>	Logo and Effective Searching
<b>P.S.H.E</b>	<b>My Happy Minds – Relate unit</b>
<b>P.E.</b>	<b>Rounders</b>
	<b>Athletics</b>
<b>M.F.L</b>	Phonetics/Classroom
<b>ART</b>	<b>Sculpture, Structure, Inventiveness and Determination</b> How do we express personality through art?
<b>MUSIC</b>	Composing with colour

If anyone has any interesting artefacts or items related to the above topics and they don't mind them being shown in class, please let me know.

**P.E.** - We have P.E. on Mondays and Tuesdays. Please could I remind you to label all the items of their P.E kits (**especially the hoodies**) and remind your child to look after their hoodie by carefully by sliding it onto the back of their chair or putting it on their coat peg if they need to take it off.

**Homework** – our focus for homework is going to be **daily reading, spelling and times tables**. Times tables tasks will be set on Purple Mash and there also will be spelling assignments set on Spelling Shed. These tasks will be set weekly (on a Friday). The tasks should be completed by the next Friday. If you require a copy of your child's login and password, please let me know.

**Reading:** Please can you ask your child to bring their reading folder into school every day. Daily reading in school and at home is encouraged. Developing their speed, stamina and comprehension in reading is of vital importance to help them make good progress.

**Spelling:** The next half termly test of the Year 4 50 words will be on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

**Times tables:** In June Year 4 there will be a test set by the Government that the children will complete on the iPads. This test is a times tables test and will take place in the classroom. It tests their knowledge of all their times tables at random and at speed. Children are allowed 6 seconds per question. This is an example of the type of questions and the speed to expect. <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/> Please encourage your child to practise and learn these as this will help build their speed and confidence. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>.

**Water** – please could your child have a water bottle in school so that they can stay hydrated throughout the day. We ask that you only provide water for your child to drink.

**Healthy Snack** – If you would like your child to have something to eat at morning breaktime please send them in with a **piece of fruit**.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards

Julie Prescott