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Year 4 News

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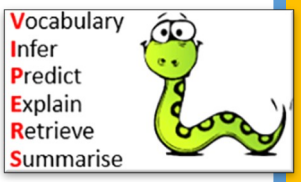
WELCOME BACK!

We're delighted to welcome everyone back after the half term break and are pleased with how children are settling back into school life. It's wonderful to see their enthusiasm for learning and the positive attitude they bring into the classroom each day. This half term, our we are encouraging the children to develop a strong *growth mindset* — embracing challenges, learning from mistakes, and believing in their ability to achieve great things through effort and perseverance.

Our Year 4 team remains the same this half term: **Mrs Durose** – 4D Class Teacher and Year Lead, **Mrs Hemming** – 4H Class Teacher, **Miss Williams** – 4W Class Teacher, **Mrs Earp** – Teaching Assistant. We're all looking forward to another exciting and productive half term full of learning, creativity, and fun!

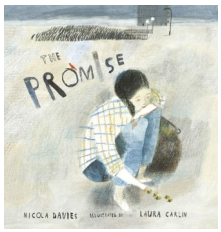


English

Whole Class Reading

This half term, our Whole Class Reading sessions are helping the children gain confidence as they explore a variety of texts and genres. Each week, we focus on a new text, discussing the author's intent, vocabulary, and practising key skills like prediction, inference, and summarising. The children are using their reading records well to show their growing enjoyment of reading. Please continue to encourage them to write a weekly comment, note extra reading at home, and recording other books they enjoy. Alongside their school book, the children can choose from the class or school library. Some pupils have also begun *Literacy Gold* to support independent reading and understanding.

Reading Tip: Encourage your child to share something interesting they've read each week. Even a short chat about a story or a favourite character helps strengthen their reading skills and confidence.



Writing

This half term, our writing work will be inspired by the book *The Promise* by Nicola Davies. The children will write a diary entry from the perspective of the main character and explore how inverted commas are used to show dialogue. They will also retell the story in their own words and create an information text inspired by the book, reflecting on the beauty of the Earth.

Maths

Our focus in Maths this term will be multiplication, focusing on the short written method, followed by division, fractions and decimals. This will include formal written methods. Times tables are vital in all areas of maths, so children will be encouraged to recall facts and tables quickly. As detailed last half term, by the end of year four, children are expected to know the multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12. **In June 2026, your child will sit a statutory multiplication test to test their rapid recall of these multiplication facts. To aid your child with this, we will be setting Times Tables Rockstars as homework every other week. However, there is also a weekly battle between the Y4 classes. We encourage the children to access TTRS three times every week for 10 minutes a time.** Learning to tell the time is also part of the year 4 curriculum and is also a life skill. We will be covering time but would really appreciate your help with this at home.

curriculum

Our Geography unit this half term is Viva L'Italia! All our learning will focus on gaining evidence to answer the question:
Is there more to Italy than just good food?

The children will take part in an Inspiration Day on Friday 7th November . We will attempt to learn some Italian and even try some Italian food!
(NOTE: No dressing up is required).

In **Science** the children will be looking at States of Matter.

The focus for **French** will be 'School and Playtime'.

In **R.E.** we will be looking at Incarnation.

The **PE** focus this half term will be netball and dance. Trainers are needed for outside and these can either be left in school or sent in on the day. As the weather continues to change we advise tracksuit bottoms to be included in the kit. Correct indoor PE kit is a yellow t-shirt, blue shorts which should also be loose fitting or trousers and black pumps. Girls should remove tights so they need to have socks in their pump bag. *Earrings should be either removed at the start of the lesson or left at home on PE and swimming days.*

Please ensure girls have socks on for swimming days as they need to remove their shoes and socks in the changing room.

PE days:

4H will go swimming on Thursday afternoons.

4D will have PE on Thursday afternoons.

4W will have PE on Thursday afternoons.

Jigsaw this half term will focus on celebrating differences where we will look at challenging assumptions, first impressions, judging by appearance, accepting ourselves and others, understanding influences, understanding bullying, problem-solving and identifying how special and unique everyone is.

We look forward to working with you once again.

Please don't hesitate to contact a member of the Year 4 Team if you have any questions.

DIARY DATES

Friday 7th November:
Anti-Bullying Homework handed out
Y4 Inspiration Day

10th—14th November :
Anti-bullying week

11th and 13th November
Parents Evening

Friday 14th November
INSET day

17th—21st November:
Interfaith week

Friday 21st November
2:30pm—3:10pm - Interfaith Exhibition (parents Invited)

Tuesday 2nd December
Advent services in Church
Christmas Film Night

Friday 5th December: non-uniform for Christmas Fair (bring a gift)

Wednesday 10th December :
Christingle service in school (parents invited)

Friday 12th December:
Christmas Fair

Monday 15th December:
Tinsel disco

Friday 19th December
Pantomime and last day of term