



## Year 4 Newsletter – March 2025



We hope you've had a lovely break over half term and that the children are now refreshed and ready for another busy and exciting term!

### Topics for this term:

In **English** we will be reading the book, "Hortense and the Shadow" by L. O'Hara and learning key skills in using and applying direct speech, fronted adverbials and conjunctions in short burst writing tasks.

In **Maths**, we will be focusing on fractions and decimals. We have been working hard to learn our times tables. A secure knowledge of multiplication and division facts will really support our work in fractions this term.

In **History** we are continuing to learn about the Ancient Greeks and the impact they had on our lives today. We will be learning in more detail about the Olympic games, Greek Gods and Goddesses and Ancient Greek theatre. Later this term, we will be starting our Roman's topic. Keep an eye out later in the term for more information about our trip to the Roman Baths on 19<sup>th</sup> May.

In **Science** we will learn about "Sound". We will be investigating which materials would make the best ear defenders and carrying out comparative tests on changing volume and pitch.

In our **R.E** topic "What is the Trinity?" we will be finding out how Christians show their beliefs through prayer and baptism, and express their ideas about God through art and poetry.

Our **Jigsaw** topic is 'Healthy Me' where we will be thinking about friendships and group dynamics. We will also be looking at the facts about smoking and alcohol.

For **PE**, we will be focusing on the Cognitive skills (explaining what I am doing well and identifying areas for improvement). The fundamental movement skills are 'dynamic balance on a line' and 'coordination – ball skills'.

**PE days will be Monday and Wednesday.**

In **French** our topic this term is all about Habitats.

### Reading:

Most of your child's reading in school is through whole class reading, so **it is really important to listen to your child read at home** as often as possible, aiming for a minimum of four times a week for 10 minutes.

### Times Tables

It is important that Year 4 children learn all of their tables up to 12 X 12 by the end of the year. We are using a sound pattern to learn our times tables. Little and often throughout the day is our motto, so you may often hear us chanting our tables as we leave at the end of the day. To help consolidate this work, please use Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) at home as often as possible, as this is a great way for the children to practise their tables at speed.

Many thanks,  
Mrs Duncan and Mrs Burch

### Key Dates

6<sup>th</sup> March - World Book day  
17<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March – Parent Meetings  
27<sup>th</sup> March – Faith Day  
31<sup>st</sup> March - Easter service at Church  
2<sup>nd</sup> April – Disco  
4<sup>th</sup> April – INSET Day



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