Year 4 Newsletter – September 2026

It is lovely to welcome all the children back after the summer holidays. The children have settled well into the new routines, and are keen to get started on our learning this term!

Topics for this term:

This term, in **English**, the children will start by writing some poetry using similes and metaphors. We will then be writing diary entries inspired by the book 'The Black Dog' by Levi Pinfold. We will be working our way through the Year 4 spellings and grammar objectives, whilst practising our writing skills through good quality texts.

In **Maths**, the children will be concentrating on: place value, addition and subtraction and developing their problem solving and reasoning skills. The children will be practising their multiplication tables daily, as by the end of Year 4, the curriculum states that all children should know their times tables up to 12x12.

In **Geography** we will be learning all about Europe Mountains and in particular, The Alps. The children will be developing their understanding that Europe is in the Northern Hemisphere and how this impacts the climate and tourism.

In our States of matter **Science** topic, we will be planning and carrying out investigations to see how solids, liquids and gases can change state.

In **R.E** our topic this term is "What do Christians learn from the creation story?" and we will be thinking about how people of faith believe we should care for the world. **Jigsaw** is 'Being Me in My World'. **PE** is gymnastics on a Tuesday and invasion games on a Thursday. **Art** is painting. **Computing** is E-safety and **French** is "Je me presente".

P.E kit: The children have PE on Tuesday (dance) and Wednesday (core) this term. Children will need to wear their school PE kits into school on these days.

Homework:
Homework in Year 4 will be reading, spelling and times tables. Spellings will be set on a Friday and children will take home a printed copy of the homework. Spellings will not be tested but will be monitored to check they are being spelt correctly in children's books. Reading records will be checked during the week.



Reading: We will need to reassess an appropriate level for your child's reading book. Please bear with us as this may take a week or two before we can send a book home. In the meantime, your child will be able to choose a book from our class library to take home and read.

Most of your child's reading in school will be through our guided reading lessons. Here we will be focusing on the skill of reading fluently and with prosody. In our extended reading lessons, we will be reading The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane. 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 Rock Stars
It is important that Year 4 children learn all of their tables up to 12X12 by the end of the year. We will be focusing on different tables each week in class (some repeated). Please use Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) as often as possible, as this is a great way for the children to practise their tables at speed.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Many thanks,
Mrs Duncan (Monday - Wednesday)
Mrs Burch (Thursday & Friday)

Key Dates
24.09.26 – Individual Photographs
09.10.26– Harvest Festival
12.10.26 – INSET Day
26.10 – 01.11 – HALF TERM
02.11.26 – Start of Term 2