

Year 4 Newsletter – Autumn 1

Welcome

Welcome to Year 4. We are looking forward to getting settled in, getting to know all of the children and learning about some brilliant things which we will tell you about below.

Reading

We will explore a variety of fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts in our reading lessons. Each week we will look at an extract from a different text and explore this in detail, looking at vocabulary, inference, retrieval and more.



The children will be given daily opportunities to engage in reading for pleasure.

Writing

This term the children will write a narrative and setting description using The Firework Maker's Daughter and Dracula as a stimulus. They will explore the use of coordinating and subordinating conjunctions, fronted adverbials and figurative language to enhance their writing. The children will plan, write, edit and publish two pieces of work linked to these texts.



Maths

Our first focus in Maths this term will be place value. We will look at representing and partitioning numbers up to 10,000, ordering numbers and estimating numbers on a number line. We will then be moving onto addition and subtraction with and without exchange. Alongside this we will still be focussing on basic arithmetic skills (both written and mental).



Science

In Science this term, our learning will be focussing on the digestive system. Children will be asked to label key organs found in the digestive system and describe their functions. We will also be looking into the importance of our teeth and describing the functions of the four different types of adult teeth. Finally, we will be looking at food chains and identifying examples of producers, predators and prey and defining what they are.



Computing



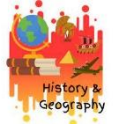
Our computing unit this half term is Unpacking hardware and software before looking at creating our own animations. Children will learn the different pieces of computer hardware and enhance simple animations using software.



Art

In Art this term, we will be learning about and creating our own power prints inspired by Beatriz Milhazes. Children will explore different ways of holding their pencil and apply different amounts of pressure to see what effect it has on their sketching. They will be exploring using different materials such as charcoal and paint to show areas of light and dark and will consider the relative size of objects they draw.

History



During History this term, children will be looking at how childhood has changed over the years. They will be identifying the types of jobs Tudor and Victorian children had and explaining why the children needed to work. They will also be looking into leisure activities children have had throughout the years and making comparisons and discussing why they have changed over time.

PE



There will be two sessions of PE this term. In our Wednesday session, it will have a dance focus where the children will learn and come up with their own movements eventually leading to a performance. On a Thursday, the children will be learning skills for Basketball and then applying these to a game situation.

PSHE

Our PSHE lessons will focus on the Zones of Regulation. We will look at each zone identifying emotions connected with each. Then, we will come up with ideas for what to do when we're in each of the zones and creating a class toolkit with these strategies.

Spanish

In Spanish we will be focussing on the unit 'Me presento' (presenting myself). Children will learn how to introduce themselves, say how old they are and say where they live. They will cover this through speaking and listening exercises as well as reading and writing tasks.

RE

In RE we will be looking at Christian values through exploration of right and wrong choices, how worldviews provide guidance for moral behaviour with a overall focus on how Jesus taught values such as love, kindness, forgiveness.

Home Learning



Your children will receive weekly homework that will revisit learning that is familiar to them.

This may include:

- Writing
- Maths
- Reading activities, which also includes regular reading
- Or another area of the curriculum

Your children will receive this homework within an orange folder and can be returned any day up until the Thursday for it to be marked. New homework will be handed out on Friday.

- Spellings should be practiced weekly and can be found via SpellingFrame and the children are also given paper copies. They will have a spelling test on Mondays.
- Times tables should be practised regularly to build fluency in preparation for the test in June. This can be done on [timestables.co.uk](https://www.timestables.co.uk). The children are tested every Friday.

All required log ins are in the front of your child's reading diaries. Please speak to the class teacher if you need replacement copies.



Rewards



The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour,
work and attitude.

Class information

Creative Carnations

Class Teacher: Mrs Yeomans

Supported by: Mrs Brain and Miss Coates

Delightful Daffodils

Class Teacher: Miss Tucker

Supported by: Miss Hildreth

You can contact your child's class teacher through Class Dojo messages.

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that
contains nuts or honey.

Dates for the diary!



CPC Key Dates 2026-2027

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Tuesday 1st September - INSET Day
Wednesday 2nd September - INSET Day
Monday 7th September - Reception children start (part-time)
Tuesday 8th September - International Literacy Day
Wednesday 9th September - Taekwondo taster sessions
Monday 14th September - CPA Election Week
Monday 14th September - Reception children start (full-time)
W/B Monday 14th September - Y6 PiXL Week
Tuesday 15th September - Y4 PGL Residential Parents Meeting - 5pm
Tuesday 22nd September - Reception Parents' Phonics Session - 2.30pm
Friday 25th September - European Languages Day
Friday 25th September - Y3/Y4 Bikeability training (one day)
W/B Monday 28th September - Y5 PiXL Week
Wednesday 30th September - School Photos (individual & siblings)
Thursday 1st October - Book & Biscuit session - 2.40pm - Nursery & Reception
M/B Thursday 1st October - Black History Month
Thursday 1st October - Harvest Festival
W/B Monday 5th October - Y4 PiXL Week
Monday 5th October - NSPCC Speak Out. Stay Safe workshops
Friday 9th October - World Mental Health Day - wear green/yellow
W/B Monday 12th October - Y3 PiXL Week
Tuesday 13th October - Parents' Evening - 3.30pm - 6pm
Wednesday 14th October - Parents' Evening - 3.30pm - 6pm
Thursday 22nd October - Movie Night (Reception and KS1 - 2:45-4pm/KS2 - 4:15-5:45pm)
Friday 23rd October - school closes to pupils for half term





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