

# Y4 Spring Newsletter



## Welcome

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to everyone! We hope you've all had a peaceful and restful holiday and your children are raring to get back into their learning.

Thank you to all parents and carers for the magnificent support with the Christmas production – we couldn't have done it without you!

We have lots of exciting topics coming up this term, including some Pete McKee art, some programming with Scratch in computing and some interesting sound experiments in science!

## Y4 Key Staff

Class	Teacher/s	Teaching assistants
Y4WL	Mrs Waggott (Mon-Tues) Mrs Lowe (Weds-Fri)	Mrs Khan Mrs Ali Mrs Afzal
Y4C	Mrs Collis	Mrs Liu Miss Matti
Y4H	Mr Huckstepp	Miss Canaven

## Spring Curriculum

Below is an outline of the topics Year 4 will be covering over the term. For further details, please visit our website under the 'our learning' section. **The 'Key learning' documents are great for a snapshot of the most important facts and understanding.**

### Spring 1

<b>English</b>	Narrative – The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
<b>Whole Class Reading Spring 1 and 2</b>	Y4H – Kensuke's Kingdom Y4C – Desirable Y4WL – Firework maker's daughter
<b>Maths</b>	Standard Multiplication and division
<b>Times tables focus</b>	6 x table and 7 x table
<b>Science</b>	Sound
<b>History or Geography (we rotate units termly)</b>	Anglo Saxons
<b>DT</b>	Designing and making a screensaver
<b>Computing</b>	Programming
<b>Personal Development</b>	How can we make the world fair?
<b>Music</b>	Notation
<b>RE</b>	Pilgrimage (Eid & Hajj) (Islam, Christianity)
<b>PE – Games with Ms Powell</b>	Hockey
<b>PE – gymnastics or dance with teacher</b>	Travelling (gymnastics),

### Spring 2

<b>English</b>	Persuasion – Denmark brochure
<b>Maths</b>	Standard division, length and perimeter
<b>Times tables focus</b>	7 x table
<b>Science</b>	Electricity
<b>History or Geography (we rotate units termly)</b>	Anglo Saxons Scandinavia
<b>Art</b>	Pete McKee art
<b>Computing</b>	Understanding how data is shared
<b>Personal Development</b>	Where do you feel like you belong? How can we help people around us?
<b>Online safety</b>	What is appropriate
<b>Music</b>	Anglo Saxon fanfare
<b>RE</b>	Pilgrimage (Eid & Hajj) (Islam, Christianity)
<b>PE – Games with Ms Powell</b>	Tag Rugby
<b>PE – gymnastics or dance with teacher</b>	Rain (dance)

**Assessments this term:** Y4 will be doing assessments w/c 26<sup>th</sup> February. This process will inform class teachers of any gaps, allowing us to plan relevant lessons and interventions.

## Y4 Key dates

Date	Event
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	FODS Valentines Stall (during school time)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	School closed – inset day. Start of February half term holiday.
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	School re-opens
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Young Voices concert at the arena
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – <b>Note that this week, there will be a book fair</b>
TBC	Pete Mckee Art Trip
19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' evening
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Break up for Easter (school closed Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> due to bank holiday)

## PPA

This year, the teaching team will have their planning, preparation and assessment time on alternative **Monday and Wednesday afternoons.**

During this time, your child will be taught P.E, Music or R.E from our specialised PPA teachers.

Miss Powell – P.E

Mrs Dawson – Music

Miss Cooper– R.E

## Home Learning

Home learning will remain the same as last term. The details for the home learning each week will be published on the class story of Dojo. Each week, children will be set a spelling task plus English or Maths work from their CPG books. Year 4 homework should take no longer than 40 minutes a week (including practising spellings). We also ask that children read at home at least three times a week.

Reading records should also be returned to school every **Wednesday** for teachers to check.

Spellings – every half term a spelling overview will be put onto Dojo class story. Every week your child will have up to ten spellings to learn that follow a certain spelling rule.

## P.E

Class	Day	PPA PE Days
<b>Y4WL</b>	<b>Monday (last swimming session on 11.03.24) Then, Tuesday (from 18.03.24)</b>	<b>Monday and Wednesday</b>
<b>Y4C</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	
<b>Y4H</b>	<b>Tuesday (until swimming starts on 18.03.24)</b>	

## Your support and help

**We love parent / carer helpers and this term, we are asking for some help with specific activities.**

Y4C	Y4H	Y4WL
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