

# Y4 Spring Newsletter



## Welcome

Happy New Year parents and carers! We hope you've all had a restful holiday and enjoyed spending time with loved ones.

What a wonderful first term we had. The children came into Y4 with a fantastic attitude towards their learning and we are amazed at how mature they are becoming. We also want to say a huge well done for their fabulous Christmas performance.

This term, we are looking forward to learning about Anglo Saxons and Vikings, making soup, drawing minibeasts and writing portal stories. We are also hoping to have a science trip to Magna as well as swimming sessions for Y4C and Y4H.

## Y4 Key Staff

Class	Teacher/s	Teaching assistants
Y4C	Mrs Collis	Mrs Bennett
Y4H	Mr Huckstepp	Mr Kemp Mrs Liu
Y4WL	Mrs Waggott Mrs Lowe	Miss MacLeland, Miss Marsden, Mr Kemp, Mrs Burton

Staff are always available on the yard just before the school day begins or just after school when we dismiss the children for quick messages.

To discuss any worries or concerns, please contact your child's classteacher at [teachers@dobcroft-jun.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:teachers@dobcroft-jun.sheffield.sch.uk) to arrange a meeting.

## 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>	Portal Stories
<b>Whole Class Reading</b>	Kensuke's Kingdom
<b>Maths</b>	Multiplication & Division
<b>Times tables focus</b>	6 7 8
<b>Science</b>	Sound
<b>History or Geography</b>	History – Anglo Saxons and Vikings
<b>Art or DT</b>	DT – Soup Making
<b>Computing</b>	Multi Media stories
<b>Personal Development</b>	How do we make the world fair?
<b>Music</b>	Notation
<b>French</b>	Sports, likes and dislikes
<b>RE</b>	Religion, family and community
<b>PE – Games</b>	Basketball
<b>PE</b>	Y4C Swimming Y4WL and Y4H Weather Dance

### Spring 2

<b>English</b>	Portal Stories
<b>Whole Class Reading</b>	Everest (non-fiction)
<b>Maths</b>	Fractions
<b>Times tables focus</b>	9 11
<b>Science</b>	Electricity
<b>History or Geography</b>	History – Anglo Saxons and Vikings
<b>Art or DT</b>	Art – Drawing minibeasts
<b>Computing</b>	Understanding how data is shared
<b>Personal Development</b>	Where do we belong?
<b>Music</b>	Fanfares
<b>French</b>	Fruits
<b>RE</b>	Religion, family and community
<b>PE – Games</b>	Hockey
<b>PE</b>	Y4C Swimming until 10/3 Y4H Swimming from 17/3 Weather Dance

**Assessments this term:** We will have end of term assessments during Spring 2.

## Y4 Key dates (please also see our calendar on the website)

Date	Event
TBC	Y4 Trip to Magna (science focus)
14.2.25	Break up for February half term and Dress Down Day
24.2.25	Return to school
5.3.25, 6.3.15	Book Fayre
6.3.25	World Book Day
25.3.25, 26.3.25	Parents' Evenings
28.3.25	Break up for Easter Holidays and Dress Down Day

## Home Learning

Every Friday, we will communicate home learning via ClassDojo. Homework comprises of a Maths or SPaG activity plus spelling, times tables and reading. Home learning books should be returned to school every Wednesday.

Weekly spellings will be posted alongside a half termly overview. Children should practice little and often throughout the week.

Children should be reading as much as possible at home. **They must have their reading records signed three times a week by an adult at home please.** Reading records should be in school everyday. (Top Tip - store them in school rucksacks!)

## PPA

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

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

Miss McCreedy – French

Mrs Dawson – Music

Miss Cooper – R.E

## Your support and help

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

During Spring 1, the children will be making soup as part of their DT topic. All Year 4 classes will be asking for adult volunteers to help us with chopping and peeling skills. A message will be sent on Dojo with further info.

## P.E Days

Class	PE Days
Y4C	Swimming Mondays Outdoor PE Tuesdays Indoor PE Thursdays (from 17/3)
Y4H	Outdoor PE Tuesdays Indoor PE Thursdays Swimming Mondays (from 17/3)
Y4WL	Outdoor PE Mondays Indoor PE Thursdays

## Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

The MTC is a statutory key stage 2 assessment to be taken by pupils at the end of Year 4 (in June). The MTC's purpose is to ensure the times tables knowledge is at the expected level. The MTC is an online test where the pupils are asked 25 questions on a range of times tables from 2 to 12. For every question, you have 6 seconds to answer, and in between the questions, there is a 3-second rest. Questions about the 6, 7, 8, 9, and 12 times table come up more often. The questions are generated randomly based on the rules of the MTC.

At school, we are helping children prepare by helping them learn and embed their multiplication facts. This needs to be reinforced at home. [TT Rockstars](#), [Hit The Button](#) or [URBrainy MTC](#) are all good websites to help them. We will be sending out more information about this assessment in Summer term.