

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome to the start of another exciting and busy year in Year 4. The children have settled well into their new classrooms and have already begun working on the interesting topics we have planned for them this term.



The teachers working in Year 4 are:

4P Ms Pryor and Ms Syjud
4W Ms Watts
4B Ms Brown

HLTA: Mrs Altinok

Teaching assistants: Mr Lillis and Ms Asskoumi

Assistant Head: Ms Kadem

English

This term, children will explore Ancient Greek myths and legends, focusing on *Theseus and the Minotaur* and *Arachne and Athena*. They will write recounts and diary entries to develop narrative skills and build writing stamina.

They will also learn to write instruction texts, including a set of instructions for brushing their teeth, linking to our science topic on health and hygiene.

In the second half of the term, children will write adventure stories and non-chronological reports based on volcanoes and earthquakes.

Reading

In reading, we will be using short texts to continue improving our skills in retrieval, inference, questioning and evaluating skills.



Children are expected to read at home **every day** and then record what has been read in their Reading Diary. This will be checked weekly in school. Reading is key to accessing all areas of the curriculum and needs to be practised at home as much as possible. Please encourage your children to read regularly at home - they should aim to read for at least 15 minutes every day.

Maths

The children will develop their arithmetic skills and will be supported to develop their abilities in problem solving, reasoning, giving explanations and applying their own ideas and strategies to solve number problems. This term in maths, we will be working on place value and continuing to develop written methods to solve addition, subtraction, multiplication and division calculations. There is a large emphasis on learning all of the times tables in Key Stage Two and by the end of Year 4, children are expected to know all of these up to the 12x tables. We will be taking part in a new programme called *Mastering Number* in Key Stage 2. This will help children practise and reinforce their understanding of multiplication facts and number relationships.



Science



In Science, the children will be studying 'Animals including Humans'. Children will build on knowledge of the human body and learn about the human digestive system. They will learn in more detail about the roles of the different types of teeth in breaking food down and how to care for them. When working scientifically, children will ask and answer questions about teeth, digestion and food chains by carrying out research using secondary sources. They will group and classify teeth by their functions.

RE

This term we will be learning about Christianity and thinking about the question "Why is Jesus inspiring to some people?"

Computing

Children will continue learning about E-safety. Please make sure you are reinforcing E-safety messages at home with your children including the importance of staying safe online, using kind language and speaking to a trusted adult if something doesn't feel right. We will learn about networking, the World Wide Web and security.

Music

Music lessons are taught by a specialist teacher. This term, children will learn to play the guitar, leading to a performance at the end of the term.

History

In History, we will be learning about the Ancient Greeks. We will be studying Greek life and achievements and their influence on the western world.

Geography

In our Geography unit, we will be looking at volcanoes. Children will be learning about how volcanoes affect a place.



Art

Children will be taking inspiration from Ancient Greek Art to sculpt pottery using clay.

Design and Technology

Children will be applying their knowledge on levers and linkages to design and make a pop-up holiday card.

PE

Children will be taking part in gymnastics classes with a specialist teacher and outdoor games with a coach.

MFL

In French, the children will be learning to ask and answer several questions about themselves. They will say and write nouns for classroom items.

Homework

Maths homework will continue to be set online through **MyMaths**. Children must continue practising their times tables using **Times Tables Rockstars** as well as reading daily. We expect that all children complete their homework. If your child is having difficulty with the homework, they need to ask their class teacher for assistance.



Uniform and P.E

Thank you to all those parents/carers who have sent their children to school in full school uniform. A few reminders: footwear should be plain black shoes or trainers and trainers for PE. The only jewellery which children are allowed to wear is a small watch and stud earrings in pierced ears for safety reasons. Children in Year 4 will have P.E twice a week. All children are required to wear appropriate P.E kits - navy or black plain shorts or tracksuit bottoms and house-coloured t-shirts. P.E kits should be worn to school on PE days.

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Attendance and Term Time Absence

Please ensure your child is at school on time every day. Gates open at 8.45am and the register is taken promptly at 8.55am. It is essential to children's learning that they are present at the beginning of every lesson.

Please note: The Government expects children to maintain an attendance rate of 96% each year. It is not acceptable to request lengthy periods of absence due to the impact this will have on your child's education. A request for **Permission for Absence in Exceptional Circumstances** should be made at the school office **prior** to making any travel arrangements. Each request will be reviewed on an individual basis. You will be expected to provide evidence to support the reason for your request for absence from school.

IMPORTANT DATES

Parents' Evenings – Autumn Term:

Wednesday 15th October: 3.30 – 7.30 p.m.

Thursday 16th October: 3:30 – 5.30 p.m.

Half Term: Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October 2025

Year 3 & 4 Winter Disco: Wednesday 10th December

Christmas Holidays: Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January

Inset Day: Monday 5th January

If you have any questions about anything mentioned in this letter, please make an appointment with your child's teacher. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to an exciting year of learning with your children.

The Year 4 Team