



**Year 4 Summer Term 2026 – 13<sup>th</sup> April – 22nd May.**

**Mrs Campbell**

### Welcome Back to Year 4!

We hope you had a restful and enjoyable Easter holiday. We are looking forward to starting the new half term and getting straight back into learning together.

This half term, our school value is compassion. We will focus on showing kindness and understanding towards others, thinking about how our words and actions affect those around us, and offering support when someone needs it. By demonstrating compassion in our learning and behaviour, we can create a calm and respectful classroom where everyone feels cared for, valued, and ready to do their best.

### Year 4 Entry into and out of School

The classroom door will open at 08:25 and our first lesson will begin at 08:30. The school day ends at 15:00. Please send your children in from the playground where they will be greeted at their classroom by a member of staff.

A member of staff will let the children out at the top of the stairs at the end of the day. The children will only be released to a designated adult in line with our school's Health and Safety policy. If, for any reason, you are unable to collect your child, please contact the school as soon as possible to let us know who has your permission to collect them.

### Homework

Children should be reading a minimum of four times every week. Reading aloud to a parent for only a few minutes a day can have a significant impact on their progress. Reading books will be.

**checked/changed on a Friday.** In addition to reading children will have spellings to practice which needs to be due in **by Wednesdays**. This year is an important year for **Times Table** so children should practice at least for 21 minutes every week on TTRS or a homework sheet that will be sent on Fridays due in **by Wednesdays**.

### Snacks and Water

Please send a full, clearly labelled water bottle to school each day. Only water is allowed to be brought in these bottles.

Children may bring a fruit or vegetable snack for break time. This must be in a clearly labelled container. Please note that sweets and chocolate are not allowed for break time. We have noticed some children bringing these in, so we would appreciate your support in ensuring only healthy snacks are brought into school.

### Physical Education

Year 4 will have Physical Education every Wednesday this half term. Please send children into school wearing the correct PE uniform: a purple school top, black shorts or jogging bottoms, and pumps or trainers. Earrings should be removed and long hair tied back.

This half term, the focus will be athletics. Children will develop their running, jumping and throwing skills, while building coordination, teamwork and confidence.

### Maths

We will begin the half term by focusing on decimals, developing understanding of place value and learning to recognise and compare decimal numbers. Later in the half term, children will also learn about money and time.

### English

This half term in English, Year 4 will be creating a persuasive travel brochure about the Americas. Children will take on the role of a travel promoter, writing to attract tourists.

The focus will be on using persuasive language to describe places, highlight key features, and encourage the reader to visit. Children will develop their ability to organise ideas clearly, use exciting and descriptive vocabulary, and present information in a way that is engaging and easy to read.

### Foundation Subjects

#### Geography:

This half term in Geography, Year 4 will be learning about earthquakes and volcanoes. Children will explore how these natural events happen and where they are found around the world. They will learn about the structure of the Earth, understand why earthquakes and volcanoes occur, and consider their impact on people and the environment.

#### Art

This half term in Art, Year 4 will be exploring light. Children will learn how artists use light and shadow to create mood and depth in their work. They will experiment with shading, tone, and simple techniques to show how light falls on objects, helping them to create more detailed and realistic artwork.

#### Science

This half term in Science, Year 4 will be learning about sound. Children will explore how sounds are made, how they travel, and how we hear them. They will carry out simple investigations to understand pitch and volume, and learn how vibrations create sound, helping them to explain how sound works in the world around them.

#### French:

This half term in French, Year 4 will be learning *Je me présente* (Presenting Myself). Children will learn how to introduce themselves, share simple personal information, and practise speaking in short sentences. They will build confidence in speaking and listening while developing their French vocabulary.

#### RE:

This half term in RE, Year 4 will explore the big question: what does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain? Children will learn how Hindus live their lives in the UK, including their beliefs, traditions, and celebrations such as Diwali.

#### Forest School

This half term in Forest School, Year 4 will take place every Tuesday. Children will take part in outdoor learning activities that support teamwork, confidence and problem solving, while exploring the natural environment through practical tasks. Please ensure children come to school with appropriate clothing and footwear suitable for outdoor conditions.

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