



# Year 4 Newsletter



## Term 1 (2022/2023)

### News

Welcome back! We would like to congratulate year 4 on such a positive start to the new school year! Everyone has settled back into familiar routines and have shown enthusiasm towards their learning. With your commitment and passion to learning, we are really looking forward to this term.

If you do have any questions or concerns—however small—please don't hesitate to speak to a class teacher at the end of the day or, alternatively, arrange a meeting or phone call via the office.

### Our PUPAC values

**Passion**



**Urgency**



**Positivity**



**Aspiration**



**Commitment**



### Reading

This term, we will be reading *War Game* by Michael Foreman. Through this, we will develop an understanding of the First World War. Children will understand key dates, causes and countries involved. The children will use this knowledge to help them to understand the text in more depth.



### Writing

This term, our focus in writing lessons is narrative tales. The children will spend time writing together as a class, focussing on their ability to use interesting vocabulary. They will be given regular opportunities to share and improve their writing in class. We will continue to focus on writing accurate, simple, complex and compound sentences and we will be combining these to produce clear and high quality paragraphs.

### Maths

In maths, year 4 will begin by developing their understanding of money as well as measurement and capacity. The ability to measure accurately is a skill that the children will use across science, geography and D&T, as well as in adult life!

They will be using different scales including millimetres (mm), centimetres (cm) and metres (m).

By the end of year 4, children are expected to know their times tables up to 12 x 12 and strengthening this knowledge will be one of our main focusses this term. All the children have a TT Rock Stars login, so any additional practise they can do at home will really help them secure their confidence and knowledge in times tables.

**Multiplication square**

x	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
3	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30
4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100

## Science

During science this term, we will be learning about living things and their habitats. We will recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways. We will also explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things. Finally, we will recognise that environments can change that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.

## Physical Education (PE)

This term, the children will be developing their PE skills whilst playing invasion games. There will be a focus on football where children will develop their accuracy for passing and shooting.

PE day for Aspen and Foxglove class this term is a Tuesday. For Nettle, PE will be on a Thursday. Please ensure your child comes to school in their full school PE kit.

## Spanish

This term we will be continuing to learn Spanish. We will learn vocabulary for items found in our classroom.



## History

This term, year 4 will be developing their knowledge of the Ancient Greeks.

We will consider the culture of the Greeks and look at how much of our current civilization can be traced back to Ancient Greece.



## Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE)

The focus for PSHE will be to look at our strengths, skills and interests. We will understand what self-esteem means and how we can boost it. We will set goals and learn how to manage setbacks to achieving them.



## Art

Year 4 will continue to learn to develop their drawing skills. They will explore different textures and tones as well as perspective and dimension, applying these skills to create their own caricatures.



## Religious Education (RE)

Our 'big question' in R.E. this term is 'What is a pilgrimage?'. We will explore what pilgrimages are, what they are believed to mean to people of different faiths and why someone might go on a pilgrimage.



## Homework

In order to best support your child in their learning at home, we are currently reviewing our guidance on homework; further information will follow shortly.

