

January 2026

Dear Parent(s) Guardian(s)

Welcome back! We hope that you have enjoyed the Christmas break and are ready for the Spring Term. We are really excited to share with you lots of amazing activities that are planned for your children this term. We will be doing our parental engagements again this term, so look out for the letters giving you dates and times. This term's theme for Year 4 is 'Save our Oceans'. Many areas of the curriculum are being taught through this theme, looking at how we can stop the coral bleaching, writing letters, a story and poetry. Our PE is table tennis/tennis and dance, where we will have a dance off with Year 6!


HOMEWORK: We will continue to follow the school homework policy and only set tasks to practice at home: Reading, Spellings and Arithmetic/Times Tables. We cannot enforce that your child completes these tasks. However, we have seen a big improvement across the teaching and learning in those children who complete them. The homework does not need to be completed independently. You are more than welcome to support your child whilst undertaking the activities. We have set a homework choice mat (attached) of ideas for extra research and learning, if you and your child wish to complete these as a family project. Times tables will become a big focus for us this term to ensure that your child is as ready as they can be for their official times table test in the summer term.

READING: As independent readers we would expect your child to read every night but they might not be reading to you on every occasion. As well as their school reading book we would encourage them to read from a wider genre or topics and for them to be able to recall what they have read and tell you why characters are acting the way they are or what the non-fiction text is telling them. All of this can be logged in their reading diary to earn a ticket to go in the box for a monthly draw. Your child can change their book as they have finished it, without asking.


PE & FOREST SCHOOL: This still continues to be on Monday and Tuesday. Forest School will be alternate weeks. Hopefully, the weather will be kind to us and enable us to be creative and active within our slots.

MATHS: We are still offering 'Magma Maths'. This app will have work that has been taught in lessons and this will help reinforce what has been taught and cement their learning. Please feel free to log into your child's account and help them complete activities that are not finished.


Look out for our Parent days where we will be encouraging you into our classroom.




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DT this half term is linked to our science topic of 'Electricity'. Can you design/make something with an electrical circuit?



Compare the UK to Australia. What are there any similarities/differences? Building? Currency? Communities? Lifestyle? Present this however you want to... digital/holiday brochure/poster/double page spread

Go Green Challenge - Why not try to complete the Blue Peter 'Green' badge, Don't forget to bring in your badge for the recognition that you deserve.



Year 4 Homework Menu



Research Coral Reefs. How many are there? Where are they located? Are there any differences between them? What other facts could you find out about them? Present this however you want to show off your creative skills.

Can you be the recycling king/queen? Can you try to recycle more items that you use at home? Think about the reduce, reuse, recycle phrase and put this into action. Present this in the way suits you and your family.



Explain to an alien how an electrical appliance works, think about the internal parts too!



Thank you for your support throughout the school year.

Yours sincerely

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