



# Year 4 Newsletter

## Summer Term 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. We hope you all had a fabulous Easter holiday and that the children enjoyed their well-deserved break. We have a very exciting term ahead of us with lots of engaging topics to grasp the children's attention.

### Staff in Year 4

The class will continue to be taught by Mrs Stevens (Mon–Wed) and Mrs Macklin (Thurs–Fri). We are fortunate to also have Mrs Hopkin, Mrs Smith and Miss Rabel in class supporting the children this term.

### Topic

This term, our main topic will be **The Ancient Egyptians**. The children will be learning about this ancient civilisation, its rulers, beliefs and way of life. We will also compare the Ancient Egyptians to the Sumerian **civilisation** we studied in the Spring term.



To support the children's learning, in the second half of this term we have booked a theatre trip to see the *Horrible Histories: Awful Ancient Egyptians* show. Further details regarding this trip will be sent out in the coming weeks.

In Geography this term we will be discovering how mountains form over millions of years and how they are made when the Earth's tectonic plates push together or move apart. Children will **also** learn how mountains can form when magma underneath the Earth's crust pushes large areas of land upwards, and that there are five types of mountain: fold, fault-block, volcanic, dome and plateau.

In Science this term, we will be studying two topics, **electricity and sound**. Children will design investigations to observe how the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer is associated with the number and voltage of cells used in a circuit. They will also use switches to turn components on and off in a circuit and record this using circuit symbols, which are used when representing a simple circuit in a diagram. In the second half of the term, children will learn that sounds are made when something vibrates and how vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear. They will investigate how the pitch of a sound is affected by how quickly an object vibrates and how the volume of a sound is determined by the strength of the vibrations that **produce** it.

### Things to Remember

Children should bring a water bottle to school daily. This is essential in the summer months. Please ensure bottles are clearly named and sufficiently watertight and robust to survive the rigours of the classroom. Water only, please — no juice.

Children may bring a healthy snack for breaktime, such as fruit, a rice cake or dried fruit. Please do not send your child with anything containing nuts (including chocolate spread), crisps or chocolate.

We will provide all necessary stationery on the tables, so children should not bring personal pencil cases and should not bring toys from home unless this has been agreed with me.

### **PE Days**

Year 4 will have PE on Tuesday afternoons with Mr Radford and on Fridays with Mrs Macklin. Please ensure children come to school wearing the correct PE kit.

### **Reading Books**

Children should come to school with their school reading book each day. This will be a levelled or book-banded book. Children in Year 4 should aim to read for at least 15 minutes every day; however, if this is not always possible, we recommend at least three times per week. Books can usually be changed in the library as needed. We also have a range of high-quality books in the classroom for children to read in class.

### **Homework**

The half-termly homework grid is available on the website, and a paper copy will be sent home by the end of the first week. Children are expected to complete three reads per week and practise their maths skills using the online learning platforms Doodle Maths and Times Tables Rock Stars.

In class, we will be focusing on consolidating times table knowledge up to **12 × 12** this half term. In addition, there will be spelling rules to practise and a discussion activity linked to our topic. Please also visit our class page on the school website, which will be updated with useful links to support your child's learning at home.

### **The Multiplication Check**

On the website you will find a letter with details of the **multiplication check** taken in Year 4. This test will take place over a two-week period in small groups throughout the morning to ensure pupils have the best environment to succeed.

The two-week window is **Monday 1st June – Friday 12th June 2026**. We will continue to focus on teaching times tables in class, but it is imperative that the children continue to practise at home wherever possible.

### **Values**

This half term we will be **focusing** on the value **honesty**.

We define this as:

- Knowing the importance of telling the truth and being trustworthy
- Knowing the difference between right and wrong
- Recognising that we all have a conscience and can face dilemmas
- Being able to say when things aren't OK or going to plan



We will cover this through assemblies, PSHE lessons and through everyday aspects of school life. Please ask your child how they have been able to show honesty at school and at home.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and speak to me in school.

Best wishes,

**Mrs Stevens and Mrs Macklin**

