

Reading Books

Children are encouraged to read their individual book as often as they can, but at least 3 x a week, then complete an Accelerated Reader quiz when it is finished (this can be done at home or at school with their log in details) They may then change their book if they score a comprehension accuracy of 80% or higher. If the score is **below 80%** a paper-based book review needs to be completed to ascertain understanding before changing their book for a new one. All Reading Planners are expected to be in school **every day** please as they also contain helpful word banks that are used for various lessons throughout the week.

PE- Gymnastics on **WEDNESDAY**

Gymnastics will be our main PE focus, using direction, rhythmic movements and balance. Children will need to come to school in their school PE kits ready for the PE lesson on **WEDNESDAY afternoon**. We will be in the hall for these sessions. Please provide tape if earrings are not removed prior to the lesson. No football shirts, thank you.

Water bottles

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in class daily for hydration during the school day. Bottles can be refilled before school and during breaktimes.

Dojo

We will send all communications to you via ClassDojo. Please contact the school office for help on this if you are unable to log on or access.

Homework

A piece of weekly homework will be posted every **Friday** on Dojo - please complete the homework in the Homework book provided or post a photo on Dojo. Children receive raffle tickets for completion of their homework and additional raffle tickets if they do extra! The class raffle is then drawn every Friday afternoon and the winner can choose a gift from the Year 4 prize box.

**** Don't forget to complete one from the Homework Challenge menu too which runs for the whole half term. ****

Class Information

Year 4

Autumn Term 1.2 2025

We hope you have had a restful half term and are ready for the next busy half term ahead of us!

This term we will continue to teach the Year 4 curriculum, as well as continually assessing and filling in any gaps from the previous learning.

You will find a brief overview of the curriculum content for English and Maths as well as support for your child's wellbeing. Information about other subjects will be sent separately in a more detailed 'Knowledge Organiser'. This information is designed to give you a flavour of what the children in Year 4 will be learning this half term as well as some more detailed information on the knowledge we expect children to know at the end of this term.

Many thanks for your continued support,
Mrs Ryan, Mrs Bland, Miss Burgess (Thur),
Miss Morell (Wed)
The year 4 team

English

In Y4, children will have opportunities to read class texts '**Edward Tulane**' and '**The Boy at the Back of the Classroom**'. During the English lessons, will visit the library and they will have an independent Accelerated Reader book. This book can be read at home and will be changed once your child has taken an online comprehension quiz based on it. If they score an accuracy of 80% or higher, they **can change the book immediately**, but if they score below 80% they will need to complete a paper-based reading review to check their understanding before they can change their book for a new one.

We are using Read, Write Inc (RWInc) to learn the spelling patterns for Y4. Children will also be expected to focus on the High Frequency words for Y3 and Y4 at home and any KS1 words they don't yet know how to spell. The class texts for this half term cover themes of mystery, adventure and lost but then found.

The GPS to be covered this half term will include basic punctuation, expanded noun phrases and use of adverbs in sentences.

We use regular formal and informal assessments to identify gaps children may have and address these with targeted learning. Extra homework may be set to help address these weaker areas.



Maths

Maths this half term, will focus largely on understanding **Area**, **Multiplication facts** and **Division methods**. Children will complete regular Times Tables tasks to reinforce their quick recall of multiplication facts. Your child will have access to the Tackling Tables website to use in school and at home. It is expected that children regularly use this at home regularly to reinforce their knowledge of the times tables up to 12x12 as it is now a statutory requirement and will be tested nationally in June 2026. The main websites we use are:

<https://www.tacklingtables.co.uk/> and www.timestables.co.uk

We will be teaching the mastery approach in Maths using the White Rose Maths resources. Children are encouraged to make links between elements of Mathematics, to look for patterns and to explain their thinking. We enjoy lots of discussion time in maths to help make sure misconceptions are made clear for everyone in the class.

As well as our regular maths lessons, we will be slotting in extra maths-skills practice to ensure gaps in learning are identified and filled. These sessions include weekly arithmetic tests, daily 15 min themed arithmetic practice and 3in3 maths practice in the mornings.



PSHE Curriculum

We will be teaching PSHE sessions aimed at nurturing your child's mental health and well-being. In Year 4, we will look at a range of emotions and look at what triggers those emotions, eg happy, upset, worried. Our next PSHE unit is '**Celebrating Differences**'. We will encourage children to talk about how we are all different and talented in lots of ways but also valued because of those differences. We will continue to discuss our feelings and look at how we can all help to keep each other safe both physically and mentally.