



Year 4 Newsletter - Pentecost Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have had a peaceful Easter and are enjoying once again the things that you may have given up during Lent. Here are the details of our learning in Year 4 for this half term.

Maths

- Decimals
- Money
- Time

We will also be completing reasoning activities on each of these areas in order to promote the mastery of the Year 4 curriculum.

Times Tables

We will continue to prepare the children for the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) assessment that all of the children in Year 4 will be completing next half term. In order to prepare them for this we will continue to have a weekly test on a given times table. The children will also be able to practice their times table skills by playing [Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds \(topmarks.co.uk\)](#) or [Daily 10 - Mental Maths Challenge - Topmarks](#) or [BBC Bitesize Super Movers: Times Tables Collection](#). It is recommended that the children play these games several times a week as it will prepare them for the speed of the official MTC test.

English

We will be reading two books this half term. The first is *The Matchbox Diary* by Paul Fleischman. We will focus on writing a dialogue, diary entries, re-tellings, mini autobiographies and a fact file. The second is *Varmints* by Helen Ward. Writing will include diary entries, instructions, letters, descriptions and speeches.

In grammar we will focus on Suffixes including '-sure', '-ture' and '-cher' and know how to add '-ation', '-sion', '-ssion', '-tion' or '-cian'. We then move onto the unit 'Standard English' and look at were/was and did/done, when to use I or me and finally when to use have/of and these/those/them.

Our spellings will be words beginning with the prefixes im-, il-, ir- and re-. We will also continue with the Year 3 and 4 Statutory Spellings. Please encourage your child to practice regularly for their weekly spelling test.

Please remember to hear your child read a minimum of 3 times per week and sign the yellow reading record.

RE

Our topic this half term is 'To the ends of the Earth'. The children will deepen their knowledge of Peter and his encounters with Christ before moving onto the Apostle's Creed. They will then deepen their understanding of Mary and the special place she holds as Queen of Heaven.

We will then learn about Hinduism and the importance of their Holy Books and the stories that they contain.

Music

We will continue to learn to play the ukulele and further develop our musical knowledge and skills. The children will create and perform their own compositions and be introduced to dynamics.

Science

Our topic is Electricity and the children will learn to:

- Identify common appliances that run on electricity.
- Construct a simple series electrical circuit.
- Identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit.
- Recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit.
- Recognise some common conductors and insulators.

Computing

We will explore how to format images for a purpose, create an effective layout, insert and format a table in a Word Processing document, change a page layout, create Hyperlinks in a Word document and use a Spellcheck Tool

Art/ Design and Technology

This half term is an art-based project inspired by the artist Michael Bolus. The children will use paper as the medium, bending, twisting, concertinering and creating tabs to produce a paper sculpture.

Geography

Our focus will be on Geographical Skills and Fieldwork and we will be exploring:

- The 8 points of the compass
- Sketch maps
- Keys and symbols on maps
- Key physical and human features of the local area

PSHE

Our topics are Being Healthy and Relationships.

French

Our topic is En Classe (In the classroom) and the children will learn the names for some classroom objects including how to ask and answer, "What do you have in your pencil case?"

Reminders

- P.E - lessons will be on a Monday and a Thursday. All jewellery must be removed before taking part in P.E. lessons
- Homework - homework will be given out on a Friday and should be completed and returned to school by the following Wednesday

Upcoming Key Dates

- Year 4 times Table Check 1st-12th June 2026
- Year 4 Mass - Thursday 4th June 2026
- Trip to Bosworth Battlefield - Wednesday 17th June 2026
- Sports Day - Friday 19th June 2026

Please feel free to speak to me on the playground or Dojo if you have any concerns.

Mrs Currie

