

Year 4 Spring Term Newsletter 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! Thank you for our very generous gifts, which we received at the end of term. It was very kind of you all.

Date for your diary: Year 4 Play **Wednesday 25th March at 7pm**

Home Learning

Homework remains the same this term. Below is a reminder of our homework routines and systems.

Reading is a priority and children should read aloud at least three times a week; discussing the text will help to support and deepen their understanding. Adults or children should note when reading has taken place in their Reading Record Books. Adults should sign or initial to confirm that they are monitoring their child's reading. Reading Records will be collected in every Thursday for monitoring. Reading at home can be from a reading book (fiction or non-fiction), newspaper, magazine, leaflet or a recipe.

Home learning will be given out on a Friday and then collected in on the following Thursday. Each week, the children will be given a set of spellings to learn and a short maths activity. The spellings will be tested weekly in the form of a dictation. Each subject should take no more than 30 minutes to complete.

In addition to this, the children will be expected to practise their times tables weekly to help towards learning all tables up to 12x12. A reminder that there is a Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) in June for all Yr 4 children. This could include Times Table Rockstars. The children's logins can be found inside their reading records. If children are absent when homework is issued, or if they lose it, the home learning will also be available on Google Classroom. Your child's login details for Google Classroom remain the same.

PE

Our PE days this term are Wednesday and Thursday. Children should come to school in their PE kits on both days. Please also remember trainers and hair bands for long hair. As the weather gets colder, children may bring a black sweatshirt/hoody to wear for PE lessons (no logos please). Please note that earrings should not be worn to school on Wednesdays or Thursdays.

Swimming

Swimming starts on Wednesday 14th January. You will have received a separate letter with all the details. Please re-read this letter before next week. We need helpers to walk the children there and back. Please give your time if you can. See your separate Google Classrooms for more details. If you have not yet paid, please make your payments via School Gateway.

Equipment

Your child's pencil case may need a little re-stock. Please ask your child if they need any new equipment. All children must have (at the very least) two blue handwriting pens, a green pen, a whiteboard pen, a ruler, two glue sticks and a pencil. All of these items are available to buy individually from the school shop. Alternatively, full pencil cases can be purchased for just £8.50.

We look forward to an exciting term ahead. Please feel free to contact us if you have any worries and concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Blackstaffe, Mrs Dench, Mrs Nicholas and Mrs O'Malley