Year 4 Newsletter - Spring 1 2026

Dear Parent/Carers

Welcome back after the Christmas break. Our half term topic for Spring 1 is **Heritage and Culture**. We will visit the British Museum to explore the Roman Empire / Roman Britain collections.

Attendance

Magpie: 96.5% Owl: 94.1%

Target: 97.5%

As readers and writers…

The teaching of reading continues with daily work focusing on comprehension, vocabulary understanding and understanding how the author/poet is conveying their meaning through text. We will be looking closely at inference and deduction as part of our VIPERS lessons. We will focus our sessions on '*The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*'. The children will be focusing on the key skills needed to write a narrative about a journey, as well as writing a diary entry and a letter.

The children will also be studying '*What the Romans did for us*' and writing a non-chronological report.

Spellings will continue to be sent home weekly and are linked to the phonic activity and the Year 4 spelling words.

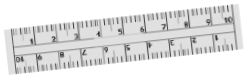
The children have access to an app called StudyHall on their iPad, which has a wealth of books they can access.

As scientists…

As scientists, this term we will be learning about what recycling and global warming is under the topic of sustainability. We will also be looking into how recycling can help reduce the impact of this by asking the following scientific questions:

- What are everyday materials made from?
- What is recycling?
- What is a life cycle assessment?
- What is global warming?
- What is climate change?

As mathematicians…



Number – multiplication and division

- Recognise and use factor pairs and commutativity in mental calculations.
- Multiply two-digit and three-digit numbers by a one-digit number using formal written layout.
- Solve problems involving multiplying and adding, including using the distributive law to multiply two-digit numbers by 1 digit, integer scaling problems and harder correspondence problems such as n objects are connected to m objects.

Measurement- Length and Perimeter

- Measure in km and m
- Know equivalent lengths (km and m)
- Find perimeter on a grid.
- Work out the perimeter of a rectangle.
- Find perimeter of rectilinear shapes
- Find missing lengths in rectilinear shapes.
- Calculate perimeter of rectilinear shapes
- Find perimeter of regular and irregular polygons

Fractions

- Understand the whole.
- Count beyond 1
- Partition a mixed number.
- Use number lines with mixed numbers.
- Compare and order mixed numbers.
- Understand improper fractions.

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As theologians…

In RE this half term, we our focus will be worship within religions. We will be identifying what is similar and what is different?

As musicians…

We will be listening to and creating our own songs with an antibullying message using Stop! This is a song/rap written in a Grime style for you to compose your own lyrics.

As linguists…

In Mandarin this half term we will be looking at school life and time and weather.

As historians…

As historians, we will be learning about the Roman Empire and their influence over the world we live in today.

Heritage and Culture

As geologists…

We will be looking at the impact that humans have had on the Earth by learning about how civilisation has changed over time.

As computer whizzes…

In computing this half term, we will be practicing with sequencing using online puzzles. We will also practice reading and editing code. We will learn to describe how AI is used to solve problems.

As artists…

This term the topic focus is Sculpture. Children will be working with clay to mould and create a sculpture. They will also use coils and 3D form to create their pieces.

As athletes…

PE this half term will be provided by professional cricket coaches who will be coming to the school weekly to teach the children a range of skills.

As good citizens…

In PSHE we will be looking at careers and money sense. The children will also be learning about the 9 habits or being patient and compassionate.

Notices and reminders

- PE is on MONDAY and THURSDAY every week for Owl and Magpie Class.
- Please ensure your child wears the correct PE kit to school on the relevant day.
- Your child will be set two tasks each week in addition to their expected daily reading. Your child will be given a sheet in their homework book which will explain what the tasks are. Both tasks will need recording in the homework book. The homework is generally a reinforcement of the week's learning that has taken place.
- Homework needs to be handed in by the Wednesday, ready for homework sharing in the morning.
- Please read with your child every day and initial your child's comments in their reading record.
- Please ensure your child's iPad is in school every day and fully charged as these are used to support learning daily.

Thank you for your support!

Year 4 Team

Magpie
Class Teacher: Miss Swinney

Owl
Class Teacher: Miss Sales

Y4 Teaching Assistant: Miss Sarah LeNeveu