



# Year 4

## Spring Newsletter



January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy new year to you all, we hope you all had a lovely winter break. It has, as always, been an absolute pleasure to be back with the children who have made an excellent start to the new term. Below are a few reminders and other information about this term. Please do not hesitate to contact one of us as if you need anything.

### English

This term the children will read "Journey to the River Sea" by Eva Ibbotson, followed by Edward Lear's poetry. They will be writing a variety of extended pieces including letters, non-chronological reports, narratives and poems. These texts will give the children the opportunity to use their imagination, explore interesting vocabulary and apply the different aspects of grammar from the Year 4 curriculum.

Throughout all of these genres, the children will continue to focus on their spelling, handwriting and punctuation.

### PE

PE continues on Thursdays. This half term we will be doing gymnastics in the hall. Please ensure your child is wearing suitable clothing. Dance will continue on Wednesdays.

### Maths

We will begin by applying previously learned skills to multiply and divide 3-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers. The next unit the children will explore is length and perimeter of multi-faceted shapes. This is followed by a unit on fractions including whole numbers, mixed numbers and proper and improper fractions. The final unit is on decimals and their relationship with fractions.

### Homework and Reading

In Year 4 the children will receive 2 pieces of homework on Friday each week on Google Classroom, one English and one Maths. This may include a Reading Journal, a spelling, punctuation or grammar task or maths from the IXL website. We expect this to be completed by the following Friday.

We will continue to use the Reading/Homework Journals to communicate with your child about their reading and homework at home. Lots of children were returning them to school regularly last term and we would like this to continue throughout the year. If your child has mislaid their journal, please let one of us know and we will replace it. We will be reminding your children to choose books to read at home as well as during Reading for Pleasure sessions in school. Please encourage your child to remember to bring in their reading book and journal each day.

Our class text will be Journey To The River Sea by Eva Ibbotson. We will be using this as a starting point for a range of different writing activities.

### Science

In science this term the children will be exploring States of Matter. They will complete various experiments about solids, liquids and gases and their changing states. They will also study the water cycle and examine rates of evaporation. They will also be learning about, and investigating, Sound. We will be finding out how sound travels, what it travels through, how to insulate sound and how the ear works.

### History and Geography

Our topic of the term is 'Carnival: A study of South America'. This is a primarily a geography-based topic, with historical elements. The children will learn about the impact of explorers on the native South American countries and about modern day countries, cities and geographical features. They will then complete a case study on the South American rainforest. Finally, they will learn about Brazil and compare it with the UK.

### Class Trips

We will be visiting Kew Gardens ahead of the Easter holidays to participate in a Rainforest workshop and explore the gardens. This will support the learning for our South America topic. We will send further details nearer the time.

### R.E.

In R.E. this term, our focus religions will be Islam and Christianity. We will be building on our knowledge from previous units covered.

### Contacting us

If you need to contact us regarding your child's education or wellbeing, please email your child's class teacher:

Shifa: sbegum@wtwschool.co.uk

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### Snacks and Water

We are a healthy-eating school, so all children will receive a portion of fruit as their morning snack each day.

Please make sure that your child brings a water bottle into school, to ensure that they are hydrated and alert.

Many thanks,

Shifa, Davina, Jack, Mhairi and Anisa