



A word from us...

Welcome back to Year 4 and their families. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas holiday with family and friends.

This term:

\*Games will be on a Monday afternoon and PE on a Friday afternoon.

\*Children should bring in a healthy snack for morning playtime as well as a filled water bottle every day please. Children will have access to refills throughout the day, as needed. Please do not send children into class with fizzy drinks.

\*Please practise times tables with your child regularly as well as reading each night. Once your child has completed their book, please sign to confirm it has been read and record any comments. Please ensure your child's book and diary are in school every day.

\*Don't forget to log in to your Timetable Rockstars. Year 4 will complete a Multiplication Check during the Summer Term so it is really important that they are confident with multiplications up to 12 x 12.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to talk to us on the door or book an appointment if needed.

We look forward to a happy, successful Spring Term ahead!

English

Our work this term will be based around the following books: 'Jemmy Button', by Jennifer Uman and 'The Mousehole Cat', by Antonia Barker. We will also be studying a visual literacy unit called 'Ruckus'. Through these units, children will practise a range of writing skills and will be developing their grammar, spelling and punctuation skills. They will also be writing for a range of purposes: structuring and organising their writing; drafting and editing as they write. Children will enjoy taking part in a range of speaking and listening activities such as role play and discussion.

Spellings will follow the KS2 spelling National Curriculum guidelines.

Arts

The children will be looking in detail at the richly coloured Byzantine patterns and creating their own similar patterns using watercolour and gold paint. They will create their own mosaic portraits using paper, focussing on how to show differing skin tones. They will look at icons, first painted during the Byzantine period and still painted today, learning how these are used for prayer and reflection.

Music – Stop! (Grime, Classical, Bhangra, Tango, Latin fusion)

Modern Foreign Languages - French

Computing – Purple Mash – writing for different audiences

Humanities

In History, the children will learn about life in Ancient Rome. They will consider how the Romans have influenced modern life in Britain and will look at how Rome was ruled in comparison to other ancient and modern civilisations. The children will think about how democracy compared to life in Britain today and will explore the social context of Ancient Rome.

Our topic in Geography is Eastern Europe. Children will explore the countries of Eastern Europe and key features such as rivers and climate. They will compare the UK with a chosen European country.

Maths

Our units of work this half term include: Multiplication and division, length and perimeter and fractions.

**A reminder that Year 4 children are required to take a timed Multiplication Check during the summer term - please keep practising these skills on TTRockstars!** A parent meeting will be held in March to explain how the multiplication check will be carried out-details to follow.

Science

States of Matter-Children will learn about the main parts of the water cycle, including evaporation, condensation precipitation and collection. They will learn about each part in detail before piecing them all together to complete the cycle. Children will learn that there are three states of matter (solid, liquid and gas) and will identify the properties of these states.

Religious Education – What can we learn from a Synagogue?

PE / Games – Games on a Monday and PE on a Friday

PSHE / British Values – Dreams and Goals

Design and Technology – Sling shot cars