

# YEAR 4

## Spring 2026



Welcome back! We hope you had a restful break. We are very excited to start a brand new year with lots of new learning opportunities 😊

### Good to know...

#### Swimming

After February half term, Year 4 will be going for a swimming lesson on a weekly basis. Your child will need a swimming costume (a full swimsuit for girls, shorts which are not loose for boys) towel and swimming cap in school every Tuesday.

#### PE Kit

PE days this half term are Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure children have their full PE kit which is suitable for going outdoors and that earrings are not worn on PE days. Please note that staff cannot remove earrings.

#### Uniform

Please ensure that all uniform, PE kits and coats are clearly labelled.

#### Home Learning Information

**Fluency books** - needed everyday. The children mark their fluency homework and write in their new tasks.

**Reading logs and reading book** - needed everyday. These will be checked twice a week by adults in school and children will work towards their reading awards.

**Home spelling books** - Fridays. We complete our spelling dictation then stick in our new spellings.



### English

This term we will be writing our own stories based on Beowulf and the Butterfly Lion. We will also link our history learning by writing a non-chronological report about the Anglo-Saxons. Later in the term we will read, write and perform our own poetry. We will continue to work on our grammar and punctuation along the way.

### Maths

This term we will look at using our knowledge of multiplication and division to apply to other problems. We will then look at length and perimeter and then move on to fractions and decimals. Times tables will continue to be a big focus too. A big well done to children for your hard work on your times tables. The children are making super progress - keep it up!

### RE



This term we will begin our learning about Christmas and move on to learn about some of Jesus' teachings in the new testament as the Light of the World. After half term, it will be time to focus on our preparation for Lent as followers of Jesus and studying the Gospel accounts of Holy Week.

## Other Subjects

### History

We are going to be learning all about the Anglo-Saxons, beginning our learning with an exciting full-day workshop in school.



### Geography

We will learn all about rivers and mountains and carry out some field work with Mr Fox after half term.



### PE



We will be taking part in dance, handball, orienteering and swimming this term

### Computing



We will be learning about safe and effective internet searching and coding this term.

### Science

This term we will be learning about teeth, the digestive system and food chains.

### Art



We will be exploring still life sketching in our art lessons.

### Design and Technology

We will be creating a project using sewing skills after half term.



### Music



Children will develop their knowledge about the musical elements and structure of music through a variety of listening, composing and performing activities, and continue learning to play keyboards

### French

We will learn more about numbers in French and use them within birthdays and calendar dates.. We will then learn about describing the weather.



### PSHE

We will focus on 'dreams and goals' this term.



## How can I support my child at home?

### Homework

**Reading** - please encourage your child to read their book at home for at least 15 minutes every day and to write a comment in their reading log.

**Fluency** - the children will have 4 maths fluency questions to complete per day. They will write these into their fluency book to practise their number formation and will need to complete them at home before the start of the next school day. These should take around 5 minutes to complete.

**Spelling** - practise the weekly spelling words with your child in a range of different ways.

**RE Homework Projects** - Once per half-term, there will be a creative RE homework project to complete with your child.

### Times Tables

This year, times tables are really important! Children will take part in a national Multiplication Check where they will be asked a range of questions up to 12 x 12. The very best way you can support your child is practicing 'little and often' to build confidence. Times Tables Rockstars is a great way to do this. Logins are in reading logs.



### Catholic Life

Encourage your child to spend time in prayer and reflection at home. Attend Sunday Mass with them whenever possible.



## Educational Visits

- Geography field work visit with Mr Fox. Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March.