

Year 4

Spring Term 1 Newsletter

English	<p>In English, we will continue to use 'rich texts' as stimuli for our writing. For the first two weeks we will be writing instructions and letters based on 'Varjak Paw'. We will then use 'Escape from Pompeii' to write a setting description and a diary. During each week of English, the children will learn and re-visit skills to improve their writing. They will get an opportunity every Friday to complete a 'Star Write' to demonstrate what they have learnt.</p> <p>In guided reading, 4JC are reading 'Fantastic Footballers' by Jean-Michel Billioud and 4JW are reading 'Running on the Roof of the World' by Jess Butterworth. For our end of the day story time, we will continue to read 'Varjak Paw' by S F Said.</p>
Maths	<p>Multiplication and Division continued – the children will start this half term by consolidating and furthering their learning on multiplication and division. This will include work on specific times tables, multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100, multiplying numbers with up to 3-digits by 1-digit numbers and dividing with remainders.</p> <p>Length and Perimeter – having looked at area in the autumn term, the children will now move onto length and perimeter. They'll learn how to convert between metres and kilometres before looking at calculating the perimeter of rectangles, rectilinear shapes, regular polygons and irregular polygons.</p>
Science	<p>States of Matter – in this unit the children will look at the defining features of solids, liquids and gases. They will also learn about melting, freezing, evaporation and condensation and about the water cycle. We plan to explore some of this topic with experiments on STEM Day.</p>
Foundation subjects	<p>History – Life in Ancient Rome Art – 'Abstract Design' sees the children explore shape colour and structure together with a specific focus on Kaufmann and Matisse's work French – Sentence building with 'c'est', days of the week, 'Par une sombre nuit de tempête' story RE – Religious figures across different faith groups Geography – Eastern Europe PSHE – 'VIPs' sees the children look at the people most important to them PE – Outdoor Adventure Activities (OAA) and dance from around the world Computing – Online safety Music – Compose with your friends DT – Playground models</p> <p>NB. The children will be rehearsing for their production this half term, so some of these topics will be carried over into Spring 2.</p>

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Key Dates & Reminders

Homework, Spelling and Reading diaries – Friday

PE – Thursday (children to arrive in their PE kits)

Library – Thursday

WB 08.01.24 – Clubs begin

18.01.24 – STEM day (1 parent per child is invited in from 2pm)

26.01.24 – Reading drop-in

07.02.24 – Year 4 production to the school

08.02.24 – Year 4 production to parents 2pm and 5pm

16.02.24 – Reading drop in

16.02.24 – Last day of school for the half term break

Year 4WJ Timetable

8:30-8:40	8:40	8:50 – 9:10	9.15 – 10.15	10.30 – 11.30	11.30 – 12.10	1.00-1:30	1:30 – 2:05	2.05 – 3.10	
Mon	Registration	Whole school Assembly	Maths	English	Guided Reading	Art		Geography	Story
Tues	Registration	Whole school Assembly	English	Maths	Music	Guided Reading	Science		Story
Wed	Registration	PSHE	Maths	English	Guided Reading	History	French		Story
Thurs	Registration	News from around the world assembly	Maths	English	Library	PE Afternoon			Story
Fri	Registration	Achievement assembly	English and Spellings	Maths	Guided Reading	Computing	Religious Studies		Story

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4JC Timetable

Year 4	8.30 - 8.45	8.50-9.10	9.15 - 10.15	10.15-10.30	10.30-10.40	10.40-11.40	11.40 - 12.10	12.10-1.00	1.00-2.00	2.00-2.50	2.50-3.10	
Mon	Registration	Whole school assembly	Maths	Break	Spelling	English	Guided reading	Lunch	Geography	Art	Story and home time	
Tues		Key stage assembly	Maths		Spelling	English	Music <i>PPA</i>		RE	Computing		
Wed		PSHE	Maths		Spelling	English	Guided reading		French	History		
Thurs		Singing assembly	Maths		Spelling	English	Guided Reading		Library	PE Indoor		PE Outdoor
Fri		Achievement assembly	Maths		Spelling	English	Guided Reading		Science			

Photographs of children trying out ancient Greek Olympics sports as part of our history topic.



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Photographs of children sewing an applique cushion design for their Design Technology project.



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