

Year 4 - Curriculum and Important Information - SpringTerm 2017-18

Message from Miss Beasley, Mrs Stanier and Ms Parmar. Thank you for all your help and support during the first term of Year 4. Below is information on topics we are covering and other important information for this term. With your help and support we look forward to a fantastic second term.

Curriculum Areas

RE –Diocesan planning- ‘Jesus at Prayer’ and ‘From Lent to Easter’.

Literacy –SPAG, Narrative (using the text ‘How to train your dragon’) Reading comprehension and Poetry (using the text ‘Please Mrs Butler’).

Maths – Abacus: Spring units cover all areas of maths including place value, problem solving, written and mental methods for calculation, measure, fractions, ratio and proportion, decimals and percentages and shape. Children need to know all their times tables for ‘Quick recall’ by the end of year 4. Children also complete a mental maths test once a week and a multiplication tables test every two weeks.

Science –States of matter and Electricity.

Computing– Text and Multimedia and cross- curricular topic work.

History – The Vikings.

DT- Designing and creating a Viking Longboat.

PE- Swimming, Gymnastics, Tennis, Fitness Training, Badminton, Dance, Outdoor and Adventure (all inked in with objectives developing social skills from Real PE scheme).

Music – We follow the Music scheme Charanga: ‘Stop’ and ‘Lean on me’.

French –Learning vocabulary related ‘Around the Town’ topic.



Important General Notices/Info



PE Kit –Year 4 PE day is on a Thursday but the children’s P.E. kits need to be available throughout the week. **PE is a statutory subject. Swimming is on alternate Wednesdays.**
Reading – ‘the rock of all learning’. Please encourage/listen to your child read as much as possible at home.

Spelling – Children will now have **eight** spelling words in their boxes to learn and be tested by parents/at school before changing them. The spellings provided relate to the national curriculum and are taken from the suggested word list for Year 4 pupils. **We appreciate your support at home with this.**

Uniform – Please ensure children wear the correct uniform at all times including their hats to and from school.

NAMES – please put your child’s name on their uniform, PE kit, footwear, lunchboxes and any other school items to avoid them being lost.

Class Equipment – please encourage your child to continue taking more responsibility for bringing all the correct items to school. **This is a crucial skill the children will need to develop.**

Homework – all encouragement and support is welcomed at home. Homework is given on a Thursday and needs to be handed in on a Tuesday.

Abbey Mass – parents are **always** needed to help walk year 4 children back to school. Your help is very much appreciated.
Reminder: our new Mass time is 8:45.

If you need to speak to any of the Year 4 team, please do not hesitate to contact us so that we can work together to help your children.

IMPORTANT: Other items of interest/key dates.....

26th February 4MB Abbey Mass
2nd February 4JS Abbey Mass
9th February 4GP Abbey Mass
27th February Year 4 Viking Day (children come dressed as Vikings).
2nd March ‘World Book Day’
12th -16th February Half Term
22nd March Biking day 4MB(am) and 4GP(pm)
27th and 28th March Parent Consultation Meetings
29th March Biking Day 4JS(am)
29th March Last day of term (Easter Holiday)

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Please be aware that some dates may change or be added. We will let your children know if there are any changes you should be aware of.

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Maths topics this term:



- ❖ Mental strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- ❖ Written method calculations for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- ❖ Exploring time and money.
- ❖ Equivalent fractions; using them to simplify fractions, decimals and percentages.
- ❖ Recognise and compare acute, right and obtuse angles
- ❖ Solve word problems
- ❖ Knowledge of multiplication tables for 'Quick Recall'

Key Maths vocabulary:

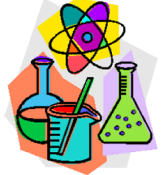
Multiples, factors, product
acute, obtuse, right angle,
equivalent, simplify,
calculate, numerator,
denominator



Please discuss this vocabulary at home with your children.



SCIENCE



States of Matter



- ❖ Water cycle
- ❖ Evaporation
- ❖ Condensation
- ❖ Precipitation
- ❖ Melting
- ❖ Freezing
- ❖ Solid
- ❖ Liquid
- ❖ Gas
- ❖ Particles

ELECTRICITY



- ❖ Switch
- ❖ Battery
- ❖ Cell
- ❖ Motor
- ❖ Socket
- ❖ Bulb
- ❖ Wires
- ❖ Circuit
- ❖ Connection
- ❖ Insulator