Year 4 Newsletter

Spring 2—2025/2026

Key Dates

13th February - Last day of Spring term 1.
23rd February - First day of Spring Term 2
4th - 6th March - Year 4 - Hooke Court residential trip.
5th March - World Book Day
12th March - DA - Fire safety visit (In School)
17th - 23rd March - Book Fair.
19th March - BG - Fire safety visit (In School)
23rd - 27th March - L1 Bikability.
25th March - Reception visit to the church.
27th March - Last day of term.

13th April - First Day of Summer Term 1

Reading

This half term, the children begin the text *The Girl Who Stole an Elephant*. The story is set in fictional Sri Lanka and follows the story of Chaya, a young hero who leads her friends and elephant on an adventure where revolution is stirring. They will continue to develop their reading fluency alongside building comprehension skills and using inference and deduction when reflecting on the text.

Notices and reminders

Reading diaries – will be checked every Friday. Please aim for at least 5 reads per week.

TTRS – Please aim for at least a minimum of 10 mins at least 5 times per week.

Home Learning – given out on a Friday and to be returned the following Friday.

Library day – is Thursday. Please ensure that children have their books in school on that day.

Swimming – Every Tuesday from 10th February-24th March. Please ensure children have their swimming kit and a packed lunch on those days.

Please ensure children have a fully stocked pencil case, including pencils, a whiteboard pen, green pen and a 15cm clear ruler.

Please name EVERYTHING.

Writing

Language

In language lessons, the children will be recapping key concepts taught previously. This includes fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and different types of conjunctions.

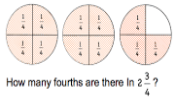
Composition

In writing this half term, the children will be learning about Reilly, a character flaw tale, and creating an alternative version themselves.

Maths

The children will be developing their knowledge of fractions by: counting beyond 1 using mixed numbers and number lines, converting improper fractions, comparing fractions and calculating using fractions.

Later, the children will move on to develop their knowledge of decimals by counting in tenths as fractions and decimals. They will then move on to dividing a number by 10 and 100.



$$2\frac{3}{4} = 2 + \frac{3}{4} = \frac{8}{4} + \frac{3}{4} = \frac{11}{4}$$

Science

This half term in science, the children will be exploring the world of electricity and finding out what it is and how it works. They will be conducting experiments to see how it behaves and how we can manipulate it to make it do what we want it to.

Geography

In geography this term, the children will be learning about the amazing country of India. They will be exploring its locational, physical and human geography, including where India is in the world, which countries it borders, and the oceans that surround it. A big part of their work will be discovering the Himalayas.

RE

This half term, the children will be learning about Holy Week and why Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday. They will be looking at the significance of many events such as Lent, Palm Sunday, Good Friday and The Last Supper. They will end their learning by creating a timeline of Lent and Holy Week.

PE

In PE this term, the children will be learning how to develop their tennis skills using soft tennis balls and rackets. They will be learning how to maintain a rally by using both forehand and backhand groundstrokes, focusing on control, accuracy, and keeping the ball in play with a partner.

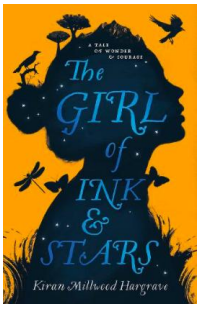
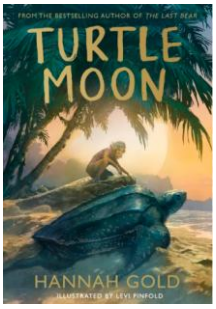
Music

This term, the children will be learning that musical sections change or repeat to help create the form of a piece of music as well as looking for patterns in sections of music. They will learn that verses and choruses can repeat or alternate to provide structure.

PSHE

Year 4 will be learning about how to manage their emotions. They will explore the different kinds of challenges that can affect their mental wellbeing and learn simple, healthy ways to manage these during difficult times.

French

This half term in French, the children will be learning about how to say different animals in French, as well as how to include some adjectives in their descriptions. In addition, there will be more work to improve their conversational skills.

Suggested books for reading (academies can replace with homework)