



ELLEN WILKINSON

Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter 2026-2027 - Quarter 1

Dear Year 4 parents and carers,

Each quarter we will send a newsletter outlining the key learning and coverage in each subject area, along with useful links and ideas of how you can help to support your child's learning at home.

Learning mats, with key knowledge and vocabulary for each of the Foundation subjects, will be shared with your child via their Google classroom account.

Core subjects

English	This term in Reading, we'll be exploring a range of fiction and non-fiction texts to develop your child's comprehension skills. Pupils will learn strategies to answer different types of questions, including finding facts directly in the text, making inferences (reading between the lines), understanding why authors choose particular words, and analysing how texts are structured and laid out. These skills will help build confident, thoughtful readers who can engage deeply with what they read. In Writing, we'll be using three exciting texts as inspiration: 'Until I Met Dudley', 'Varmints' and 'Winter's Child'. Through these stories, pupils will develop their skills in explanation writing, descriptive writing and writing sequels to familiar tales. Children will learn to plan, draft, revise and edit their work, building confidence as independent writers who can craft engaging pieces across different genres. Useful links/ways to support at home: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zv48q6f
Maths	Please see below the overview and coverage for Maths for the quarter. In maths this quarter pupils will cover: Place value, number, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, percentages, coordinates and shape Useful links/ways to support at home: • Engage with Freckle and TTRS regularly.
Science	This term in Science, your child will be exploring two fascinating topics. In 'Animals including humans', pupils will learn about the digestive system, teeth and food chains. In 'Living things and their habitats', they'll discover how scientists classify living things, study different habitats and understand how environmental changes can affect wildlife. Through hands-on investigations and observations, children will develop their scientific enquiry skills and deepen their understanding of the natural world. Useful links/ways to support at home: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z2pfb9q

Foundation subjects

Geography	<i>Our big question this term is: Celebrating our world – Where do we come from?</i> This term, Year 4 pupils will develop their skills as young geographers and explorers. They'll learn to plan and carry out their own fieldwork investigations, recording their findings using charts, graphs and tables, both by hand and digitally. Pupils will practise reading Ordnance Survey map symbols and using four-figure grid references, as well as working with atlases and globes to compare physical and human features across different regions. They'll compare areas of the UK with regions in Europe, Asia and Africa, exploring why people choose to settle in different places. Finally, pupils will discover how lines of longitude and latitude help us understand time zones and differences around the world. Useful links/ways to support at home: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zfkvwsg Homework project: Create a family tree/heritage map, which includes information about where members of your family are from, languages they speak, where they live or special traditions!
ART	In Art this term we will be creating replicas of Ancient Greek vessels inspired by our history Big Question. Children will sketch a design to make using clay. They will use the clay sculpting skills to mold double pinch pots and then create designs on, before painting them. Useful links/ways to support at home: https://greece.mrdonn.org/vases.html https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zgpdjxs#z3xc4xs https://starbeck.education/blog/greek-pottery-exploring-ancient-stories-and-daily-life
Computing	This term, Year 4 pupils will build their understanding of digital devices, beginning with how devices work through inputs, processes and outputs. We'll start by exploring the differences between digital and non-digital devices, before introducing pupils to computer networks. Children will learn about the infrastructure that makes networks possible, including devices like routers and switches that help computers communicate with each other. Useful links/ways to support at home: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zvnrg6f
MfL	In Mandarin we are focusing on places, countries and nationalities. We will be developing the use of plural pronouns in order to respond to questions in a conversation. Useful links/ways to support at home: Try to engage with the language at home and see if you can use some phrases in everyday activities. https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zsbc87h
RE/PSHE	Our unit for RE this quarter is: How do Hindu people worship at home and in the mandir? Our unit for PSHE this quarter is: Celebrating differences

	Useful links/ways to support at home: Have discussions with your child about how your views link to the topics discussed in class.
PE	This term, our PE units are dance and swimming. Pupils will develop their skills in creating motifs, building sequences and choreographing performances. PE day arrangements: • Seahorse class: PE will be on Tuesdays until half term • Octopus class: PE will be on Tuesdays after half term (due to daily swimming lessons) Please ensure your child wears the correct PE kit on their PE day. Full details can be found in the school uniform policy. Useful links/ways to support at home: Ensure your child is walking where possible, and taking part in sports of physical activity as much as they can.
Music:	We're excited to share that pupils will be learning to play the ukulele this term! The ukulele is a wonderful instrument for young learners – it's accessible, fun, and helps develop important musical skills like rhythm, coordination, and reading notation. Through their lessons, pupils are building confidence in performing, working together in ensembles, and discovering the joy of making music. Useful links/ways to support at home: You can loan a ukulele from school to support your child's progress. Please speak to Mrs Husain if you are interested.

Educational Visits

We will send out further communication regarding any trips, via email, once these have been confirmed.

Home Learning

Each week your child should get:

- ☐ **Reading:**
 - Reading should be recorded in your child's home learning book.
 - In addition, we encourage you to read stories to your child regularly, and have a healthy reading culture at home, to promote a love of reading. This will also support your child in their writing.
 - BugClub is a platform available to all - linked above.
- ☐ **Spellings:**
 - Ensure opportunities throughout the week for your child to practise their spellings.
- ☐ **Maths practice:**
 - Your child should complete tasks assigned to them on Freckle and the Times Tables Rock Stars website.

Please speak to your child's class teacher, if you have any questions about how to access

any of the school's learning platforms.

**All home learning will be issued on a Friday and collected on a Wednesday.
Other subject tasks will be set at the discretion of the class teacher.**

If you find anything out, come across an exciting book or find a great website, please let us know so we can pass the information on to all our other parents.
Many thanks for your help and support.

Kind regards,
Miss Kahraman & Mrs Blaker