

Curriculum Letter for Year 4 - Autumn Term 1 2025

General Information

A very warm welcome to Year 4! The children all look very smart and have settled in well. They are becoming familiar with all the class routines and expectations around the school and behaviour has been excellent. We look forward to an exciting history trip to London and 4B leading the Harvest service at church. The two classes will also be taking part in a series of workshops which promote poetry and the spoken word.

Curriculum

Maths: This half term we will be consolidating their understanding of place value of numbers up to four digits. We will then be solidifying their knowledge of addition and subtraction. All children are expected to know their times tables up to 12x by the end of Y4. We will be practising our recall skills weekly.

English: We are starting this term with a theme of imagination and creativity. Our first book that we will read is '**Tar Beach**' by Faith Ringgold. We will be creating setting descriptions using our five senses and looking to use advanced vocabulary to create noun phrases to describe a setting. This will be followed by '*The Story of Tutankhamun*', which is a text that links to our Ancient Egyptian history topic. Our final piece of writing will be a biography about Howard Carter.

Science: Our first science unit is 'Living Things'. The children will group living things in a variety of ways and will use classification keys to record this scientifically. We will look at dangers to living things and the importance of looking after our environment.

History: We start by continuing the children's understanding of chronology. They will learn about the main achievements of the Ancient Egyptians, learning new vocabulary relating to this. We will be visiting the British Museum, to visit the Ancient Egyptian exhibition.

Art: This half term we will be focusing on exploring and creating Ancient Egyptian art. Pupils will gain an understanding of their styles and techniques while making paper and creating their own zines.

Music: We look forward to listening to and appraising the songs of ABBA! We will also be using glockenspiels and recorders to compose and improvise with the songs.

RE: This half term, we are learning about the beliefs and practices within Hinduism. We will be learning about how Hindus worship by considering important symbols and the different places where Hindus worship. To consolidate this, we will be visiting Dharma Mandir in Enfield. We will be in touch soon with more information about this trip.

PSHE: This half term we will be exploring families and relationships. We will be exploring how to maintain healthy friendships through respect, manners and taking the time to consider how our behaviour affects others. We will then explore the stereotypes of gender and disability.

French: Developing our vocabulary will continue, focusing on pronunciation and basic conversational phrases in our French topic '**Presenting Myself.**' We will focus on asking questions as well as providing accurate replies.

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Class Reads: As well as our texts linked to English we will be reading *'The Ancient Egyptian Sleepover'* by Stephen Davies.

PE Days

Outdoor PE is timetabled for Tuesdays with Coach Kymani. All children must wear their PE kits to school. We also have indoor PE on Thursday. Indoor PE kits stay in school.

Reading and Spellings

Reading is an essential skill, and we would like to foster a love of reading both in and outside school. Please make time for your child to read with you and for your child to be read to, also. We will also be teaching spelling patterns and rules in class.

Homework

Homework will be set every Friday and is due in the following Wednesday. Mrs Dempsey or Mr Cook will post on the *Microsoft Teams* page to indicate what the homework is for that week. It may be an assignment on Teams, or a task set on MyMaths or Purple Mash.

Our Knowledge Organisers are available in Teams under 'Files' so please use this to help support your child's learning in school at home, too. They are a great way to start conversations about what we are doing at school each week.

Key Dates and events

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| Welcome Meeting for Y4 parents | Friday 12th September 3pm |
| British Museum Trip | Date to be confirmed |
| Macmillan Coffee event | Friday 3 rd October at 3pm |
| Harvest Service led by 4B | Wednesday 15 th October |
| Half term | Wednesday 22 nd October – Friday 31 st October |
| Black History Month | October 2025 |
| Write to Speak Year 4 Workshops | Wednesday 10th September, Wednesday 17th September, Wednesday 1st October and Thursday 2nd October |