

Autumn: Term 2 Year 4

Welcome Back!

We hope children are rested and ready for a busy half term ahead.

Year 4 staff:

Badgers: Mr Bown **Foxes: Mr Shermer**
TAs: Mrs Greenfield, Mrs Evans, Miss Hodson & Miss Fraser
Miss Dalling (PE) will also join us on Tuesday mornings.

Our topic this half term is called: **Where does the river run?**

Geography	Rivers and Coasts
Science	Electricity
Design and Technology	Mechanisms- circuits and switches - Steady-hand games (like 'Operation')
Computing	Databases
PE	Outdoor- Hockey Indoor-Gymnastics
English	Persuasion – Spy Gadgets Poetry- The Magic Box
Maths	Area, Multiplication and Division
PSHE	Valuing Differences
French	Presenting Myself
RE	Hindu Celebrations and Christmas

PE will be on a **Tuesday (outdoor) and a **Wednesday (Indoor)****

Please ensure that your child **comes to school dressed in their PE kit on their day.** They should have the appropriate PE kit in accordance with the school PE kit policy. Please note that jewellery is **not** permitted in PE lessons for safety reasons. If your child cannot take their own earrings out, please make sure they have been removed before school. Children with long hair should wear it up during PE lessons so please ensure they have a bobble.

Reading – Our class text will be: Danger Gang by Tom Fletcher

In Year 4, we expect the children to **read 3 or more times a week at home** and should be recorded in their organisers. While listening to them read, you could also ask questions about something they may have seen or heard to improve their comprehension skills. e.g. explaining the meaning of a word; summarising what they've just read in 10 words ; asking what might happen next; or, asking about a character's feelings and actions. Each half term we work towards a reading reward. Signed reads in children's reading diaries are added to the whole class total. A class total of 1000 reads will earn that class a special reading treat.

Spellings

Children will continue to receive a set of spellings each week, it is important that children bring their organisers to school each day so that they have their spelling lists with them during practice time. The spellings will be stuck in the organisers on a Friday.

Each Friday there will be a test of the week's spellings and every half term we will test children on about 15 words linked to the spelling rules we have learnt over the half term. If your child learns them quickly, please practise putting the words into sentences.

Times Tables- How can I support my child in maths?

By the end of Year 4 children are expected to know all of their times tables up to 12x12. A multiplication table check (MTC) for children in Year 4 takes place in June 2025. The times table check relies on children being able to recall times table facts in 6 seconds, with a 3 second rest before the next question. Please support your child to help them learn their **multiplication tables** at home. All children have a Times Table Rockstars login – using TTRS helps track their progress and determine where more support and practise is required. Although the questions are generated randomly, questions about the 6, 7, 8, 9, and 12 times table come up more often, so the speed of recall in these times tables is vital.

Weekly Times Table Tests

To further prepare your child for the multiplication tables check in June, we have started weekly testing of times tables starting with the 2's, 5's and 10's. This is an informal test so we can see who needs more support with times table. If children can answer 30 questions in 4 minutes, they move on to the next times table. If not, they'll continue to be tested on the same times tables until they do correctly complete 30 questions in 4 minutes.

After marking, these times tables tests are given back to children to take home so you can see their progress.

Important Dates

Odd Socks Day – Tuesday 12th

Viking Day- In school- Thursday 14th November

Children in Need Friday 15th November

Term Ends Friday 20th December 2024

Trip to National Civil War Centre (dependent on numbers) February 2025

Ilam YHA residential - Monday 31st March – Tuesday 1st April 2025

Times Table Check – June 2025

Please see the school website for term dates and INSET days.

Communication with your child's class teacher

If your child is going home with by another adult or with friends, can you please inform the school office, or class teacher directly – this will avoid any possible misunderstandings.

ClassDojo has had lots of positive feedback and we will continue to post relevant information and snippets of what goes on in the classroom.

Any urgent messages should always be e-mailed/phoned in to the school office as Class Dojo may not be checked before/during the school day.

Class teachers are available at the end of the day on the school playground for any quick conversations or to make an appointment for longer chat. TAs are also be available on the playground in the mornings to pass any messages on directly to class teachers.

Year 4 team