

# Spring: Term 2 Year 4

We're half-way through Year 4! 😊

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

## Year 4 staff:

**Badgers: Mr Bown**

**Foxes: Miss Smith**

**TAs: Mrs Evans, Mrs Greenfield & Miss Fraser & Mrs Raymond**

**Miss Dalling (PE) will also join us on Tuesday mornings.**

Our topic this half term is called: 'How can I use maps to find my way?'

The Knowledge organisers and what we will cover each week can be found on the Year 4 Page of the website too.

<b>Geography</b>	Map Skills and Field Studies
<b>Science</b>	Sound & Flying Machines Challenge for British Science Week
<b>Art</b>	Art inspired Music
<b>Computing</b>	Drawing and design
<b>PE</b>	Outdoor- Invasion Games Indoor- Dance 2
<b>English</b>	Non-Fiction: Journalistic Recounts – Break-In at the Bears' House
<b>Maths</b>	Length & Perimeter, Fractions & Assessment Week
<b>PSHE</b>	Rights and Respect
<b>French</b>	The Classroom
<b>RE</b>	Islam
<b>Reading</b>	Assorted Poetry

**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.

## Important Dates

It's a very busy half term in school with something happening almost every week. Please see the overview document to see which events are happening week by week and also see the school website for term dates and INSET days.

Two key dates for Year 4 are:

Ilam YHA residential - Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025

Times Table Check – June 2025

**Reading** – Our class will be reading assorted poetry this half term.

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 a whole class total. A total 1000 reads will earn the class a special reading treat

**Spellings**

Children will continue to have a spelling test and receive a new spellings each Friday. It is important that children bring their organisers to school so that they have their spelling lists with them during practice time. At the end of the half term children are tested on 15 words linked to the spelling rules we have been learning. If your child learns them quickly, please practise putting the words into sentences.

**Supporting your child with maths**

**By the end of Year 4 children are expected to know ALL of their times tables up to 12x12.**

We have started sending reminders each week to help parents plan in some time to help children learn their times tables using TT Rock Stars.

The multiplication table check (MTC) for Year 4 children takes place in **June 2025** and children are expected to be able to recall times table facts in 6 seconds.

Please support your child to help them learn their **multiplication tables** at home by using TT Rockstars. All children have a login, and it gives a clearer picture of how your child's times table knowledge is progressing.

As times tables knowledge underpins lots of areas of maths, so better times tables knowledge generally leads to better maths outcomes.

**Weekly Times Table Tests**

To further prepare your child for the MTC 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 correctly answer 35 or more questions in 4 minutes, they move on to the next set of times table. If not, they'll continue to be tested on the same times tables until they can correctly complete 35 questions in 4 minutes.

Children are told to take these times tables tests home so you can see their progress.

**Communication with your child's class teacher**

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

ClassDojo is the easiest way to contact your class teacher as well as see snippets of what goes on in the classroom; however, 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.

With Thanks from the Year 4 team