



# Summer Term Newsletter 2026

## Year 4

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**Welcome:** Welcome back to the start of a new school term! PE day will continue to be on a Thursday - children will need to wear their PE kit to school. Every Monday, Home Learning will be set to be completed by the following Monday, giving the children a week to complete all tasks to the best of their abilities. Please ensure reading books and water bottles are brought into school each day. Also, Year 4 pupils will complete the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) during the first week of June to assess their fluency and recall of multiplication facts.

Miss Ellison

**Religious Education:** Branch 5 – The Ends of the Earth & Branch 6 – Dialogue and Encounter

**Mathematics:** Fractions, Decimals, Money and Time

**Writing:**

- **Where the Forest Meets the Sea** by Jeannie Baker – Non-Chronological Report
- **Blue John** by Berlie Doherty – Explanation – Letter

**Composition**

To plan writing by discussing the structure, vocab and grammar of similar writing; using *Where the Forest Meets the Sea* to organise information into a non-chronological report and *Blue John* to structure ideas clearly within explanation and letter writing.

**Handwriting and Presentation**

To continue to develop our handwriting making sure it is legible and joined correctly.

**Spoken Language:**

To maintain attention and participate actively in collaborative conversations. Children will also participate in discussions, presentations, performances, role play, improvisations and debates

**Grammar:**

- To improve consistency and accuracy of pronouns
- Use paragraphs to organise information and ideas around a theme
- Recognise the grammatical difference between plural and possessive 's'.

**Spelling:**

- Endings which sound like /g/ spelt -gue and /k/ sound spelt -que
- The suffix -ous
- Beginning to learn word families based on common words.

**Reading:** This term we will be using the following books in class.

- **Fantastically Great Women Who Saved the Planet** by Kate Pankhurst
- **A Myth-Hunter's Travel Guide** by The Literacy Company

Children in Year 4 still benefit from being read to and listened to regularly. Please share books together at home.

**Comprehension**

- Draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions and justify with evidence
- Identify main ideas from more than one paragraph and summarise these clearly and concisely

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**Science: Classifying Living Things and their Habitats** – How scientists group living things, **Living Things and their Habitats - Conservation** – how habitats can change and the impact humans can have on the environment.

**Computing: E-Safety** – Staying safe online, **Logo** – Learn common commands and constructs of the Logo programming language, **Spreadsheets** – using simple formulas, entering data and creating charts.

**Geography: Rivers** – What are the features of a river and how are they formed?

**History: What happened to Britain when the Romans left** – How was Anglo Saxon England ruled?

**Art & Design: Working in 3 Dimensions** – using clay to design, shape and build sculptures.

**Design Technology: Food Technology** – To explore a healthy and varied diet

**Music: Favourite Song** - develop technical skills on tuned percussion

**French: At the Doctors & Jungle Animals and Summertime** – To develop vocabulary and French sentences through using key words and phrases.

**PSHE: Diversity, How governments are ruled, how can I stay safe in my local area, screen time and healthy diet**

**PE / Sports: Rounders** – tactical decision-making **and Athletics** – balance, coordination and stamina

**Home Learning:** Home learning will be set each week on **Mondays** via **Google Classroom**. Each week, children will be given:

- 1 Maths task (Paper based or online)
- 1 English task (Paper based or online)

In addition to this, children are expected to continue their daily reading and to practise their times tables on TT Rockstars completing a minimum of 5 minutes per day. Some tasks will be paper based, while others will be set through our online learning platform, IXL. Please make sure all home learning is finished and handed in by the following Monday. If it isn't completed, your child will be given time at school to complete it. We encourage the children to take responsibility for their own learning and do their best to complete it on time.

**Home Reading:** As well as set home learning, your child should also spend time each evening reading for at least 5 minutes. He/she will bring home a book from school. This book must be read as your child will have been assessed and set to match their reading band age. They may also read a book of their own choice from home / the library alongside this if they wish. Their reading record should be filled in every time the child reads at home. The children should make notes about what they have read each week and have this signed by a parent / carer. This will be checked in school weekly.

**How you can help at home:** Teach your child that failure is a stepping-stone to success and make academic subjects feel relevant to your child. Try to involve games in learning as much as possible. Where possible, research some areas of learning as this will act as pre learning which will support your child being ready for the lessons.

- **Set a routine** – choose a regular time for home learning each day.
- **Create a quiet space** – free from distractions, with everything they need.
- **Encourage independence** – let them try first, then offer help if needed.
- **Talk about learning** – ask questions about their reading or maths.
- **Daily practice** – keep up with reading and times tables on TT Rockstars.



**Read to Succeed Reward System.**

 **Bronze Star = 35 Reads**  
You've started your reading journey—keep it up!

 **Silver star = 70 Reads**  
You're halfway to greatness—amazing progress!

 **Gold Star = 95 Reads**  
You're a reading champion—golden level achieved!

 **Choose a book YOU love!**  
At the end of the year, your chosen book will be **gift-wrapped** and **personally presented** to you by **Mr McDermott** in a special celebration!

**Work hard. Read lots. Earn your reward!**  
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