

Autumn Term Curriculum Newsletter

Year 4

Welcome Back

Welcome back to school!

This term is filled with lots of exciting learning and activities. We look forward to the children getting to grips with life in Year 4.

We will be starting our topic of The Romans and the children will be able to take part in Roman Day with Titus the Roman Soldier. In the last week of term, we will be celebrating and exploring different careers as part of Career's Week.

In March 2026, we will be going on our annual trip to York. This is an amazing opportunity for all children. We will be visiting the York Chocolate Story, York Minster, Jorvik Dig, the Castle Museum and the National Railway Museum.

Meet the Year Group

The Year 4 group this year will be Mr Hartley, Mr Rowe, Mrs Sorrell + Miss Thorpe, Miss Allcock and Mr Heaps.

Mr Hartley – My hobbies include chess and music! I love leading the chess group across KS2 and in my spare time I love music both attending concerts and playing the piano and accompanying my son on the cello.



Mr Rowe – My hobbies include playing squash and padel! I love coaching and leading a squash club across KS2 within the school. Outside of school, I'm very enthused with coaching squash to juniors at a squash club nearby.



Mrs Sorrell – In my spare time I love to run and sew!



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Miss Allcock – I love going to watch Notts County play football. I also enjoy going swimming and for long walks in my spare time.



Miss Thorpe – I like adventuring with her my two daughters and love reading.



Mr Heaps – I love to play tennis, a big movie fan and walking with my dog, Tilly, and the family. I love holidays and going on adventures.



Key Reminders

Please support your child to read at home at least 4 times a week and record this in their personal organiser which will be checked by class teachers on a weekly basis. This year, homework will look very different. There is no official homework to be completed each week. However, we will expect children to practise their times tables on TTRS (login details will be provided by class teachers), spellings and reading fluency every week.

This year, PE kit must be worn on the days of both PE sessions. There is no need to bring any change of clothes, they will arrive and leave in their PE kit. Please look on Class Dojo for further information.

Please ensure that all school uniform is labelled and remind children to bring a water bottle every day that is also labelled.

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Important Dates

Autumn 1

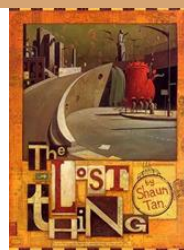
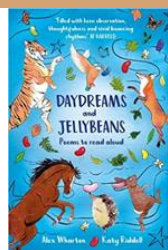
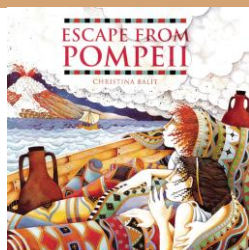
01.09.26 – INSET Day
 02.09.26 – Back to school
 22.09.26 – Flu vaccinations
 02.10.26 – INSET Day
 7.10.26 Lime, Acer + Fern Roman Day
 8.10.26 Palm + Pine Roman Day
 13.10.26 – Parents Evening (1)
 14.10.26 – Parents Evening (2)
 16.10.26 – History Day

Autumn 2

2.11.26 – Careers' Week
 6.11.26 – Key Stage 2 Careers' Fair
 13.11.26 – Children in Need
 17.11.26 – Children's Individual photos
 10.12.26 – Christmas Dinner
 15.12.26 – Year 4 Sing and Christmas Party



Books We Are Reading



We will also be reading a selection of guiding reading books throughout the year including, 'The Land of Roar' and 'The Last Bear'.



PE Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Indoor PE	Acer	Fern	Pine	Lime	Palm
Outdoor PE		Lime & Palm		Acer & Fern	Pine

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Curriculum Learning

English – We will be reading and basing our written work on *Escape from Pompeii* by Christina Balit. We will also explore poetry from *Daydreams* and *Jellybeans* and write our own futuristic story based on *The Lost Thing*.

Maths – We will be covering place value, addition and subtraction and multiplication and division

Art – We will be looking at different plinths, taking pictures and then making a mini gallery.

Computing – We are going to be studying networks and beginning to understand the world wide web. We will also continue our focus on e-safety throughout the year.

DT – Enhancing the skills learnt in Y2, we will be practising sewing.

French – The children will be able to explain what they can and can't do

Geography – We will be learning all about South America.

History – The children will start to explore the Roman period learning about Caesar and Claudius.

PD – We will be learning about democracy and how the government works.

PE – Rugby and gymnastics; hockey and dance

RE – We will be discussing our life as a journey and what it means to us.

MUSIC - This year, the children will be starting their weekly strings lessons with Matt from the Music Hub.

Science – We will be learning about states of matter (solids, liquids and gases). We will also be finding out how sound is made.

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