

Curriculum Newsletter

Katherines Primary Academy – Autumn Term 2026

We are Year 4: Greta Thunberg



Welcome to Year 4!

I hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful summer break and are feeling refreshed and ready to return to school. We are ready for an exciting, hard-working and productive year ahead. It is lovely to meet all of the children and to start to get to know them! This term will be filled with engaging and stimulating learning opportunities and I look forward to working closely with you and watching them grow and learn over this time!

Home reading

As readers, children should read every night to develop accuracy and fluency. An adult should then sign their reading record book to show this has taken place. Your child should bring in their Home School book every day. Every time they read, they will gain a star on their card in the front of the diary and when it is full they will be rewarded for their effort with a prize from the Head teacher. It is important to hear your child read as this will help to build their confidence too. You can also see their progress first-hand.

English

As writers, we will start the Autumn term by writing a narrative inspired by the book *The Three Fishing Brothers Gryffi*. We will learn a short story off by heart which will help the children with language features and sentence structures which can feed into their own story-writing. Alongside this, the children will learn how stories are structured and the associated grammar that will help their writing mature.

Maths

As mathematicians, we will begin counting and learning numbers up to ten thousand. The children will learn the value of each number in the place-value columns so that they can recall the value of any single digit. We will progress this by learning about negative numbers and Roman numerals.

Times tables play a huge part in Year 4. We will be working hard at learning these. Please support your child learning these at home too.

P.E.

As athletes, we will be improving our skills in the invasion games of hockey and hand ball. P.E. days are **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. Children should wear their PE kit to school on these days. Earrings and other items of jewellery must be removed for PE and long hair should be tied back. Please ensure the children have appropriate footwear for PE.

Topics we will be studying this term...

History - Ancient Greece

Geography - A UK study

Science - Animals including Humans

Computing - The Internet and networks

Art - Prehistoric Painting

D.T. - Cooking and Nutrition

R&W - What do we mean by truth? Is seeing believing?

RSE- Consent, Online Safety and Healthy Me

Music - Writing Music Down

PE- Hockey, Gymnastics, Tag Rugby

MFL-Numbers, Christmas

RWV

As theologians, we will investigate and discuss how we believe what we believe. Do we believe everything we hear or see? We will investigate miracles and the effect these have on people.

Computing

As technicians, we will find out how computers are connected to each other to form networks. We will learn the history behind the World Wide Web.

History

As historians, we will be learning about Ancient Greece, focusing on its society, culture and achievements. The children will explore the significance of the birth of democracy and how it has influenced the world today.

Science

As scientists, we will learn all about animals including humans. We will write an explanation text showing our understanding of the digestive system and other systems of the body. After this, we will learn about electricity and investigate what things conduct electricity. We can also identify how to keep ourselves safe when using electrical equipment.

Geography

As explorers, we will be learning about the United Kingdom. Within this unit of work, we will learn what countries make up the United Kingdom and some of the important physical features.

Art/ DT

In art we will be creating our own prehistoric art using different artistic techniques.

Notes ...

In Year 4, homework will be set online. There will be no homework books. Our homework focus this year is **consistently reading five times a week** at home as well as accessing:

Mathletics - 1 task fortnightly www.mathletics.com/uk/

TTRS - please aim for 3x per week www.ttrs.com

EdShed - weekly www.edshed.com

Logins are now in the Home School book for all three websites.

Children should practise their spellings online, ready for a spelling test on a **Thursday**.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day -filled **only** with water!

Thank you for your continued support, it is much appreciated! Mrs Thorpe