



Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 1 2025

Year 4

Reading: We will be reading **Friend or Foe**, which is a gripping World War II story from War Horse author and former Children's Laureate Michael Morpurgo.

Spellings: We will continue to work through the spelling rules from EdShed. The children are working so hard each week to learn their spellings for the test each Friday.

Times tables: The children will continue their own weekly focus for the times table test each week. We will also be having a big focus on getting ready for the Multiplication Check. It would be beneficial if the children could practice the Soundcheck on TT Rockstars as often as possible. **We are aiming for your child to be getting over 20 at this point in the year.**

Homework: Spelling, times tables, maths. The homework will continue to send homework out on a Friday with in being due in the following Friday.

PE Kit: Year 4 will need to come to school in their PE kit every Wednesday and Friday.

In our history lessons this term, we will be completing a more in depth look at the Stone Age as Year 4 are the first year group to start their journey with Opening Worlds which is a knowledge-rich humanities programme for teaching history and geography.

Geography will focus on exploring rivers: their formation, including how this links with the water cycle, their locations, how they impact the land and the journey from source to mouth.

In science we will be learning about living things and their habitats. The children will explore the classification of living things and will learn to describe how environments can change.

Key Dates: 9th-11th April: Chasewater Activity Centre residential trip

You can help your child to succeed by doing the following:

- Daily reading practise with your child (remember to follow the strategies laid out in the reading folder)
- Daily spelling practise
- Practise times tables and key number facts
- Supporting your child to become more independent in getting organised for school and remembering their homework.
- For additional information and resources to support your child's learning, please see our school website and the home school links diaries.

Please feel free to contact us with any queries and we will try to help wherever possible. We look forward to working alongside you and your child.

Mrs Dale & Miss Simpson