



# Year 4 Spring Newsletter



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## Welcome back to the Spring term in Year 4!

Happy New Year! I just want to start by saying a huge thank you for all the cards, gifts, voucher and kind words I received over Christmas. You were all so generous and I feel very lucky to have such a supportive community of parents, carers and children 😊

I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break and had a well-deserved rest. We have spent this week finalising our Anglo-Saxon/Viking topic and the children are already very excited to get started on our new topic, 'Desert Life', next week!



### Reading



Children received updated ZPDs last term so should be reading within this band at school unless otherwise stated.

Just a reminder that once the children complete a book, they need to complete the Accelerated Reader quiz on it. This can be done from home (links found on our class webpage) or at school.

### Staff in Year 4

Teacher: Miss Hodges

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Hall (ams) and Mrs Walton (Tuesday pms)

A student teacher will also be joining us this term.



In Year 4, the children will be set a variety of homework matching the learning needs of the week every week which will be set online. Please complete this where possible as it will aid learning through extra practice of learning skills. Homework will be set on a Thursday and should be completed by the following Friday where possible.

Reading and termly thematic home learning projects will also be coming home. Home Learning projects are open-ended and linked to our theme. Children have the opportunity to research an area they're interested in and display it in a manner of their choosing. The aim is for children to get creative and enjoy themselves! There will be a class gallery for the children to share their work with friends and family.

### Spellings

A reminder that we follow the Scode scheme of spellings.

SCODE is a phonics-based spelling scheme that teaches the National Curriculum spelling requirements for KS2. It gives priority to helping children develop a wide and varied vocabulary. SCODE does this by focusing on: sounds and their codes, etymology (the history and origin of words), the power of practising and teaching spelling in a fun and encouraging way.

You may want to complete some spelling work from the class page to help embed their learning. To help your child with this, there is a link on the school website to Scode's support videos. The sounds and spellings that your children will be learning this term, are uploaded to our class 4 page, in the spellings folder.

## Spring Term Theme

Our theme this term is: 'Desert Life'



### Times tables

Times tables are a focus in year 4 as this year, we will undertake the **national times table check** in June. Each week, we will have a times table test which will test the children's knowledge of their times tables. This will be in the format of the official check that will take place at the end of the school year - hopefully making the actual test less daunting as it will be so familiar.

The times table check is taken on a computer and is timed. Each question appears on the screen for six seconds and in this time the children will need to answer the multiplication and input the answer correctly.

To support your children from home with their times tables, there are some links on our class page on the website.

### Dates for your Diary:

These dates are accurate at the time of publishing this newsletter. You will be informed of any changes in advance.

Monday 5th January School and Nursery closed

Tuesday 6th January School and Nursery open

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February Y4 Forest School**

Tuesday 10th February Parents Evening

Thursday 12th February Parents Evening

Friday 13th February break up for half-term

Monday 16th-Friday 20th February half-term

Monday 23rd February Spring 2 begins

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March Y4 Ancient Egyptian Day**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March Home Learning due

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March Home Learning (pm)

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March Home Learning (am)

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March Easter Bonnet parade and Easter service

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March-Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April Easter Holidays

### P.E.

Please note - Year 4 are swimming this term. They can come into school in uniform or PE kit. Please no swimming kit under clothes.

Our P.E days are: Tuesday (PE) and Wednesday (swim).

### Forest School

05.02 / 30.04 / 25.06

If you are available to help on Thursday mornings for these sessions, please let us know!

Thank you 😊