



Compassion

Trust

Wisdom

Fellowship

Friendship

Peace

## **This week in Year 4**

### **Monday 9th February 2026**

#### **English:**

This week we will continue our unit, 'Myths and Legends'. In this unit your child will listen to mythical stories of selkies and mermaids. This week we will be continuing to re tell the story 'Can You Catch a Mermaid?' for our independent write. After finishing their story, the children will be editing and checking their work.

#### **Maths:**

This week we continue with our 'Multiplication and Division' unit. The children will use a variety of informal written methods to multiply a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number. They begin by using place value charts to recognise multiples of a number and make the link to repeated addition. They then progress from multiplying using informal written methods to the formal written method. We introduce the short multiplication method in an expanded form and then in the formal short single-line form.

#### **Home Learning:**

##### **Spellings:**

The focus this week: to understand and use the prefix 'anti' meaning 'against'. The children will bring home their spellings on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February** for their test on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**. Please ensure your child has their spelling book in school on a **Monday** so we can highlight any words spelt incorrectly in the spelling test and stick the new spellings in. The children's times table score is also recorded in the back of the spelling book.

##### **Reading:**

Please ensure your child is reading to adult daily and they are being questioned about what they have read. Please record their reading in their reading record book. The children can change their books regularly if an adult has recorded in the book that they have read and finished the book.

##### **Times Tables:**

This week the children will be tested on the **8-times table** eg  $8 \times 1 = 8$ ,  $8 \times 2 = 16$ ,  $8 \times 3 = 24$ . They will be tested on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February**.

**Children must be accessing Times Table Rock Stars at least 3 times a week** to help them to learn the times tables. In addition, children may also want to use [Multiplication Tables Check - Mathsframe](#) or [Times tables games - Learn them all here!](#)

In June, all the children will sit the Multiplication Tables Check. It is designed to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently up to 12, through a set of 25 timed questions. **It is important that children are practising their tables at home as well as at school.**

#### **Other Matters:**

- The children will have their PE lesson on **Tuesdays and Fridays**, they will need to remember to come to school in their PE kit on those days.
- Please can you ensure your child has the correct equipment in their pencil case – they must have writing pencils, 30cm ruler, whiteboard pens and a glue stick. – thank you.
- On **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February**, in **Computing** the children will explore the features of effective audio books and work as a team to script, record and edit their own. If they have any headphones that they can bring in to use in the lesson, we would be very grateful. Thank you.
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