



Compassion

Trust

Wisdom

Fellowship

Friendship

Peace

## This week in Year 4

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

### **English:**

This week we will continue our unit, 'Myths and Legends' with a focus on legends of the sea. In this unit your child will listen to mythical stories of selkies and mermaids. This week we are continuing to retell the story, 'Selkie' using fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases. The children will be editing and improving their work.

### **Spellings:**

The focus this week: to understand and use the prefix 'auto' meaning 'self' or 'own'. The children will bring home their spellings on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January** for their test on **Monday 2<sup>nd</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.

### **Maths:**

This week we will focus on multiplication and division word problems. Children will be encouraged to read the word problem questions carefully; to ensure they have identified the key information needed to be able to solve the problem. They need to think about what they already know and how that information can help them to answer the question. They will also be encouraged to draw pictures and visual images to help them to understand what the question is asking.

### **Home Learning:**

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 finished the book.

This week the children will be tested on a mixture of the **3-, 4-, 6- and 7-times table**. They will be tested on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**.

Children need to be accessing Times Table Rock Stars at least 3 times a week to help them to learn the times tables. 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.
- My email address is [a.brech@tssfirst.co.uk](mailto:a.brech@tssfirst.co.uk) should you need to contact me.