

Curriculum Newsletter

Waltham Holy Cross - Autumn Term 2026

We are Year 4: 4D, 4DP and 4M



Welcome to Year 4

We would like to welcome all children and their families to Year 4, we are really looking forward to working with you all. We have lots of exciting topics this term, which will provide the children with rich and varied experiences. In English, we will be studying, 'The Three Fishing Brothers Gruff' and this will be followed by many engaging texts across the year. We will also be starting the year as we mean to go on, with a big focus on times tables, in preparation for the statutory Multiplication Table Check in June. Although the year will be filled with lots of work, we will also ensure that the children have plenty of fun along the way. We look forward to working together!

P.E.

All children in Year 4 will have a PE lesson each week with our specialist sports coach. They will also have one other PE lesson with their class teacher. Children should wear their house colour top with black trainers and black joggers or shorts. Children are also not allowed to wear earrings at school.

4D: Tuesday & Thursday

4DP: Tuesday & Thursday

4M: Tuesday & Thursday

Home reading

Please do continue to read **daily** with your child and ensure their Home-School book is with them every day. We will have a weekly library session when children can change their books, however they are also welcome to bring their own book from home.

English

We will start the autumn term by reading 'The Three Fishing Brothers Gruff' by Ben Galbraith and developing descriptive writing followed by creating a persuasive leaflet. During the second half term, children will explore 'The Ice Palace' by Robert Swindells. Throughout this unit of work, pupils will complete setting descriptions and write diary entries, finishing with seasonal shape poetry.

Useful websites to help with homework

- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>
- <http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/maths/index.html>

Thank you for your continued support; it is much appreciated.

Mr Dobson, Mrs Draycott-Moss,
Miss Payne & Miss Mercer

What are we learning this term?

Maths

In maths, we will begin by studying place value and addition and subtraction. We will also be learning about the area of a shape within measurement. Towards the end of the term, we will be focusing on multiplication and division and understanding related number facts. Pupils will also complete daily calculations and regular mental maths quizzes to support their fluency in the four methods of calculation.

Topics we will be studying this term...

History - Ancient Greece

Geography - Comparative Study (England & Greece)

Science - Animals Including Humans & Electricity

Religion and World Views - Philosophy - What do we mean by truth?

History

Our history topic this term focuses on Ancient Greece. The children will learn about what life was like in Ancient Greece, the birth of democracy and how the Ancient Greeks have influenced our lives today.

Science

In science, we will be studying and investigating animals including humans by looking at the digestive system and the functions of teeth. As well as this, children will deepen their understanding of electricity and how circuits work.

Geography

In geography, children will be carrying out a comparative study of England and Greece. They will research the differing climates of the two countries and the features which attract tourists. Finally, they will then consider where they would rather live, reviewing the benefits of both countries.

Art and DT

In art, children will be studying prehistoric paintings and creating their own masterpieces using ingredients and natural materials. For DT, children will be designing and making a game which uses static electricity.

Also...

In Year 4, homework will be set online. There are no homework books. Logins will be given out by the class teacher and these will be stuck into Home School Books

- ✓ **Mathletics** - x2 tasks weekly
- ✓ **TTRS** - please aim for x3 sessions per week
- ✓ **Spelling Shed** - weekly practice ahead of spelling test each Friday.

