

Curriculum Newsletter

Waltham Holy Cross - Summer Term 2025

We are Year 4: 4B, 4R, 4T



Welcome to Year 4

Welcome back Year 4; we hope you had a restful and enjoyable break! We have lots of exciting topics this term, which will provide the children with rich and varied experiences. In English, we will begin the term by exploring the story of 'Invasion'. We will then be studying the children's classic, "Operation Gadgetman", where the children will be retelling to opening of the story. We will also be continuing our focus on times tables, in preparation for the statutory Multiplication Table Check in June. Although the new term will be filled with lots of hard work, we will also ensure that the children have plenty of fun along the way.

P.E.

In PE this term, children will be learning athletics, archery and rounders and golf

All children in Year 4 will have 2 PE lessons each week.

4R: Monday & Thursday

4B: Tuesday & Thursday

4T: Tuesday & Thursday

Home reading

Please do continue to read **daily** with your children and remind your child to bring in their reading record so we can see all of their hard work. 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.

Topics we will be studying this term...

History - Anglo Saxons and Vikings

Geography - World countries

Science - Living things and their habitats and sound.

Useful websites to help with homework

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

What are we learning this term?

Maths

Over the summer term, children will be looking at time, decimals, money, position and direction and statistics.

There will also be an emphasis on TTrockstars in preparation for their end of Year 4 multiplication timetables check.

Pupils will also complete a weekly mental maths test in class and daily calculations to support their fluency in the four methods of calculation.

History

Our history topic this term focuses on Vikings and the Anglo-Saxons. The children will learn about what life was like for them and how the Vikings conquered the Anglo-Saxons.

Geography

In geography, children will be learning about world countries. They will research how to use lines of longitude and latitude and how to plot coordinates.

English

We will start the Summer term by studying the story 'Invasion' and exploring different settings. We will then be reading 'Operation Gadgetman' by Malorie Blackman giving children the opportunity to develop their retelling of a story skills and then progress onto their independent story writing.

Science

Throughout the Summer term children will be studying and investigating living things and their habitats. Children will also be learning sound. They will understand that sound is created when an object vibrates and that sound can travel.

Art/DT

In art, children will be studying mega materials. They will be looking at a range of materials in order to carve and explore 3d sculptures.

For DT, we will be focussed on textiles where children will be creating their own cushions.

Also...

In Year 4, homework will be set online. There will be no homework books.

Mathletics - 2x tasks weekly

TTRS - please aim for 3x per week

Spelling Shed - weekly

Children should have their logins provided.

Children should practise their spellings online, ready for a spelling test each Friday.

