

Curriculum Newsletter

Waltham Holy Cross - Summer Term 2026

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



Welcome to Year 4

We hope everyone had a lovely and restful Easter break! It's wonderful to have the children back, refreshed and ready for another exciting term of learning. Over the coming weeks, we have a wide range of activities planned across all subjects, designed to challenge the children, build their skills, and encourage curiosity and creativity.

This term promises to be full of opportunities for the children to explore, create, and develop their knowledge while enjoying fun and engaging lessons. We are looking forward to seeing their progress and celebrating their achievements throughout the term.

P.E.

In PE this term, children will be learning Athletics, Archery, Rounders and Golf.

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

4T: Tuesday & Wednesday

4D: Wednesday & Thursday

4R: Monday & Wednesday

Home reading

Please continue to read daily with your child, as this makes a huge difference to their progress. Do remind them to bring in their reading record regularly so we can celebrate all of their hard work.

We will have a weekly library session where children can change their school books, and they are also very welcome to bring in a book from home to enjoy.

Useful websites to help with homework

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

Topics we will be studying this term...

History - Vikings and Anglo-Saxons

Geography - World Countries

Science - Living things and their habitats and Sound

Religion and World Views - How do religious beliefs contribute to society and culture in the local area and beyond?

Maths

In Maths, we will begin the term by continuing to explore decimals, focusing on half and quarter. Following this, we will move on to a range of practical and engaging topics in line with the White Rose Maths Year 4 scheme, including money, time and statistics. These areas will give pupils the opportunity to apply their learning to real-life contexts, helping to deepen their understanding and confidence.

English

In English, we are reading *Mouse, Bird, Snake, Wolf*, an engaging and exciting text known for its rich imagery and compelling narrative. The children will be inspired to use their imagination to create their own animals and bring them to life through creative writing.

History

In History, we will be delving into the fascinating world of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. The children will begin by learning who the Anglo-Saxons were and how they came to settle in Britain. We will then explore the Vikings, discovering who they were and why they chose to invade.

Science

Children will explore how living things are grouped and classified, investigate habitat changes, and consider human impacts. They will also learn about sound, how we hear it, how pitch and volume vary, and which

Geography

In Geography, we will learn about world countries and key global features, including the Equator, latitude, longitude and time zones. We will also compare the Arctic and Antarctica and explore the Tropics.

Art/DT

In Art, children explore tone, texture, 3D forms, sculpture, and creative use of materials.

In DT, children will design and make cushions, learning appliqué, cross-stitch, fabric decoration, and accurate assembly while reflecting on what makes their products successful.

Also...

In Year 4, all homework will be set online; there will be no homework books.

Mathletics - 2 tasks per week

TTRS - Aim for 3 sessions weekly; using Soundcheck helps prepare for the Multiplication Table Check

Spelling Shed - Weekly practice; spellings should be learned online for a test each Friday

Children should have their logins ready and be encouraged to complete tasks regularly.

