Year 4 Newsletter

Summer 1—2025/2026

Notices and Reminders

Remember to bring in the following daily please:

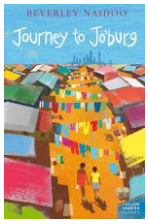
- Water bottle
- Reading book and diary

Also remember:

- Come to school dressed in your PE kit on your PE day
- Remember to complete at least five reads a week at home
- TT Rockstars - 10 minutes a day

Reading

This half term, the children will continue to read the gripping adventure story *The Girl Who Stole an Elephant.* They will also start to read *Journey to Jo'burg* by Beverley Naidoo, which is an exciting story following thirteen-year old Naledi and her brother Tiro, as they set out to find their mother in Johannesburg.



Writing

Language

The children will be learning how possessive pronouns work. They will also develop their understanding of when to use an apostrophe.

Composition

In composition this term, the children will be using their creativity to create a set of instructions to create their own magical potion using all the key features of this non-fiction piece of text.

Key dates

21st April - Times Table Champions (selected students)

May

May Bank holiday - 4th May

20th May - Class photos

May Half Term - 25th-29th May

June

Return to school 1st June

27th June – Farnham Canival

29th June - Community Week

Maths

In maths this half term, the children will be learning about decimals, such as calculating halves and quarters as decimals. The children will also be learning about calculations involving money using the four operations. They will learn about time and focus on converting different units such as seconds to minutes, solving time duration problems and reading analogue and digital time.

Science

In science this half term, the children will be learning all about sound. They will learn about volume and pitch, how musical instruments create sound, how to describe pitch and volume, and how to identify patterns between a sound's pitch and the features of the object that produced it.

Experiments will be carried out to further embed their learning.

History

In history this half term, the children will be learning about the earliest ancient civilisations, including Ancient Sumer. Ancient Sumer is often called "The Cradle of Civilisation" because it was there that the first cities developed, agriculture began and writing first appeared. They will learn about how they lived, their main religious practices and the significant advancements they made.

Computing

This term, the children will learn about data handling including what is data and how it is used They will also write and evaluate algorithms and programs using selection and repetition. Projects will include using a programmable device called micro:bit to create a temperature sensor, an automatic warning system and a digital assistant.

micro:bit

PE

Within PE this half term, the children will be looking at enhancing their athletic techniques. They will be focusing on using running, jumping, throwing and catching in isolation and in combination. They will also be developing flexibility, strength, control and balance.

DT

In DT this half term, the children will be learning about fastenings before designing, making a prototype for and then producing their own book sleeve. They will consider fabric, fastenings, size, theme and decoration.

PSHE

In PSHE this term, the children will explore ways to reduce their carbon footprint, the role of charities and the impact of plastics on the environment. The children will also be learning about Fairtrade and why rules and laws are essential for a fair and safe society.

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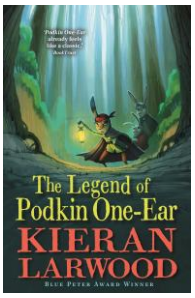
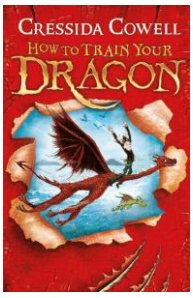
French

In French this term, the children will learn to describe different types of weather. They will also practise presenting a weather forecast, pretending to be on television. They will link the weather vocabulary with map work, compass points and general geography.

Suggested books for reading (academies can replace with homework)