

Homework

Homework will be given out on a **Thursday**. Children will need to return this for marking by the following **Wednesday**.

Homework will consist of a **spelling activity** and a **comprehension** to complete in homework books. In addition, tasks will be set on **Mathletics** to complete.

Please listen to your child read at least 3 times a week and write in their reading diary. Your child can change their book as soon as they've read it at home. As well as reading their 'banded' book, children are encouraged to read magazines, newspapers and non-banded books which are available in the classroom.

Year 4 Autumn Newsletter 2026

Hello! Welcome back after your restful break. I hope you had a lovely summer. I'm really looking forward to working with the children in Year 4 this year. All the children have come back determined and ready to learn. This year we will continue to build on their knowledge and learn through fun and engaging activities. I thank you for all the support you will give your children throughout the year.

English



The book we are studying this half term is 'Escape to Pompeii' by Christina Balit. We will be exploring the historic event of Mount Vesuvius' eruption through the perspective of two fictional children. We will begin by writing a narrative from our own perspective as if we were there at the time and we will also write an account of the event in a newspaper article. By doing this, children will learn how to write in different styles but will also learn new features such as complex sentences, adverbials and direct speech.

Maths



The main focus in Maths this half term will be Place Value, addition and subtraction. Using a range of manipulatives and resources, we will explore:

- Numbers to 10,000
- Ordering and comparing numbers
- Rounding numbers
- Addition and subtraction

During year 4, learning multiplications is very important and so we will begin to learn our timetables.

Topic

This half term our focus is on Slavery. In History, we will learn about the Romans and whether they introduced slavery to Britain. We will explore who the Romans were and where the Roman era came on a timeline. Then we will focus on Roman life in Rome and also in Britain. To then deepen our knowledge further, we explore what slavery is and how the slave trade was part of the Roman Empire here in Britain during their reign.

RE

In our RE lessons, we will be exploring and comparing how people practice their faiths, in relations to celebrations. To understand how faiths celebrate life as a journey.

PE

Our PE this half term is tennis, which is on a Wednesday. We will continue to complete our mile run on Wednesdays and Thursdays. In addition, swimming will be on a Tuesday.

Sustainable Development Goals

Throughout the term we will be looking at how we can help the world achieve the UN's SDGs. This term we will focus on goal 16. We will reflect on how our learning can have an impact on the wider world.

