



THERE'S NO FULL STOP TO LEARNING

Year 4 Newsletter – Spring Term 1 (2025 – 2026)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to the start of a new term. I hope you all had an enjoyable break. A big thank you from the Year 4 Team for all of our very generous class gifts for Christmas. They were very much appreciated! We are all looking forward to continuing to support the children to grow and develop as independent learners. Here is what Year 4 will be focusing on this term. Our new topic is '**How does the human body work?**'. Please see the attached curriculum information sheet for further details about what the children will be learning this term. The tutors from the In Harmony music team and coach Shaj from Moving matters will continue to cover the class every Thursday morning to focus on music lessons and PE sessions.

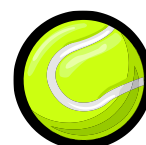
Reading

In Year 4, children will continue to be heard reading at least three times a week; once with a teacher as part of their guided reading session and then again with the teaching assistants. Please try to hear your child read on a daily basis and use their reading journals as a place to record their responses to the stories that they read to you or their thoughts on stories that you read to them. This can be a short 15 - 20 minute session but it will make a huge impact on their progress in reading and writing. Every Friday the children will be encouraged to change their reading books and take a new reading book home if they have finished the text that they are currently reading. Please also make sure that the children come to school with their **reading journal** daily as they will also need to use them during the course of the school day.



P.E

P.E lessons will take place every **Monday** afternoon (indoor gymnastics) and **Thursday** morning (outdoors) with specialist PE coaching from coach Shaj delivering high intensity PE sessions from Moving Matters. Please ensure your child has a full P.E kit (including plimsolls or trainers) on both days.



School Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform. Earrings should be kept to small studs only. Please make sure that **ALL** school clothes and items of PE kit are clearly labelled to minimise loss. Don't forget to have a look in the Junior lost property box if anything does go missing. If your child wears shoes that require them to tie laces, please help them to learn how to tie them up at home as they regularly become loose during the course of the school day and it can be a challenge to tie up multiple pairs of shoes throughout the day!

Home Learning

Every week the children will continue to be given **spelling rules and patterns** to practise at home. Every Friday they will complete a dictation challenge to check how confident they are with the spelling pattern of the week. They will also have a weekly **multiplication challenge** to complete. Every Friday they will also complete a multiplication speed challenge to check how confident they are with the times tables that they have been practising at home. The children will be given a **topic-based project** to complete around the theme of 'How does the human body work?'. This homework project gives the children a chance to practise and perfect skills that they are learning in the classroom and to further explore their class topic independently. Please encourage and support your children when completing their project. The Topmarks website is also a great way for them to practise and perfect the maths skills that they are learning in the classroom with a particular focus on learning all of their times tables up to 12x12 by the end of the year.

Dates for your diary

Friday 23rd January 2026 – Year 4 Class assembly 2.40pm
Tuesday 10th February 2026 – Year 4 trip to the Science Museum
Tuesday 10th February 2026 – Safer Internet Day 2026
Friday 13th February 2025 – Last day of term

Kind regards,
Steven Heming, Bruna Ferizaj and Trisha Kumar

