



THERE'S NO FULL STOP TO LEARNING

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break. As always, this is going to be a busy term for the children as they will be getting ready for their times tables check which will be taking place in June. Here is what Year 4 will be focusing on this term. Our new topic is called 'Why should we look after living things and their habitats?'. 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 10 - 15 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.



P.E

P.E lessons will take place every **Monday** afternoon and **Thursday** morning 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.



In Harmony music lessons

In Harmony music lessons will continue to take place every **Thursday** morning with specialist teaching from Frank Biddulph and Lynne Selwood. Please ensure your child remembers to bring their instrument to school every Thursday. Also, please remember that instruments are placed in the studio every Thursday morning before joining the Year 4 class line at the start of the day.



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 'Why should we look after living things and their habitats?'. 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

Thursday 16th April 2026 – Parent/Carers information meeting for Year 4 Camping trip in June 3.15pm

Friday 24th April 2026 – Friends of Reay AGM and planning meeting

Friday 1st May 2026 – Year 4 trip to Minet Library

Monday 4th May 2026 – Bank Holiday (School closed)

Wednesday 6th May 2026 – Deaf awareness Day (Wear blue to school)

Thursday 21st May 2026 – Last day of the term

Friday 22nd May 2026 – INSET Day (School closed)



Kind regards,

Steven Heming, Bruna Ferizaj and Trisha Kumar