

Year 4 Newsletter

September 2025

General Information

What a great start to Year 4! We are in full swing and raising our expectations. We are working hard to ensure our children have the best opportunities to be the best version of themselves!

Teaching staff

Class 7 – Mrs Holdridge, Mrs Bedford, Mrs Johnson and Miss Hadley.

Class 8 – Miss Lievesley and Ms Jones

What are we learning?

In History this term we are studying **The Romans**, which will also feed in to our Art and Design unit. We will be learning about what it was like in Roman times, the invasion of Britain and the myth of Romulus and Remus.



In Geography, we will be exploring volcanoes, their positive and negative impacts on the environment and studying recently erupted volcanoes to find out more about how people are able to live with volcanoes in sight!

In English, we are writing newspaper reports as well as diary entries to demonstrate our increased vocabulary and grammatical skills. Reading is an important part of the curriculum and we cover many books, such as: *The Matilda Effect*, *The Nothing to See Here Hotel* and many more. We have introduced reading rewards for time the year group reach another million words. Please support your child in bringing their diary each day as this is where they stick in their spellings and we record reading feedback in school.

What are we reading?



The Matilda Effect
Ellie Irvine



The Nothing to See Here Hotel
Stephen Butler

Times Tables

In Year 4, children are assessed on their knowledge of the times tables up to 12 x 12. This year is the first statutory assessment and the children have been taught all the times tables. Children have opportunities to practise their times tables in school, at the beginning of every maths lesson and on the Times Table Rockstars app. However, we have seen the most improvement when children practise for short periods at home every day. We suggest that children practise for 5 minutes a day. This can be on the TTR app or through counting and quizzes from parents! We are also running regular class tournaments for extra encouragement, and FUN!

Science

This term, we will be learning all about States of matter! This includes investigating how and why solids, liquids and gases change their state.

Homework

Homework will be provided for maths and English each Friday and needs returning by the following Friday. Returned homework will be logged and kept in a folder with points for those who are consistent with completing it.

