

# Year 4 Newsletter

## Spring 2026

### General Information

Welcome back after what we hope was a relaxing but fun-filled festive break! We are so impressed at how quickly everyone has settled back into our daily routine. As always, there are lots of events happening around school and within Year 4 this term, so please make sure you have the Dojo app installed as this is how we communicate a lot of our information and provide you with updates.

### Teaching staff

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

Class 8 – Miss Lievesley and Ms Jones

### What are we learning?

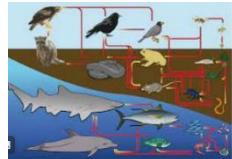
For **History** this term, we will start to look at the Roman Invasion of Britain and how this has impacted modern-day Britain.

In **Geography**, we will be exploring how we get our power, looking at the water cycle and how our coastlines are affected.

In **PE**, Class 7 will continue to have swimming on Tuesdays until February half term, when it will then be Class 8's turn for the rest of the academic year. Class 8 will be doing athletics this term. Please make sure earrings are removed for PE (or covered with plasters if they are newly pierced).

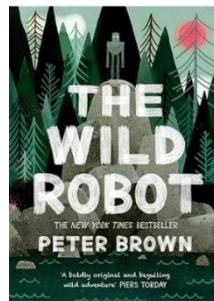
This term in **English**, we will be looking at how emotive language and angry imagery is used within literature, using the picture book 'The Dot' as a stimulus. We will then be focusing on Boudicca's rebellion, creating playscripts in the form of a 'radio broadcasts' to show off our growing knowledge of this subject. We will also be introducing children to the purpose of emails and showing them how to create these.

In **Science**, our unit of learning is Living Things and their Habitats. We will be exploring the characteristics that all living things have in common, grouping and classifying living things as well as identifying the difference between predator and prey, alongside food chains and webs.



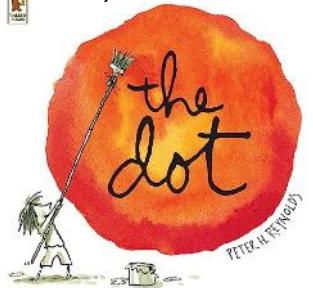
### The Wild Robot

By Peter Brown



### The Dot

By Peter H. Reynolds



### Homework

Homework is provided for maths and English each Friday and needs to be returned by the following Friday. Returned homework will be logged and kept in a folder with points awarded for those who are consistent with completing it. If your child needs any support, please speak to one of the Year 4 team. Please encourage your child to read as much as possible at home. Adding their reads into their diary independently is completely okay! We also have introduced a new Word Count challenge this term, where the whole year group are working towards earning rewards for the total number of words read.

### Times Tables

In Year 4, all children across the country are required to complete a statutory assessment on their times tables knowledge, up to  $12 \times 12$ . Children have opportunities to practise their times tables in school, during maths lessons and on the Times Table Rockstars app. We have seen the most improvement when children also practise for short periods at home every day - we suggest that children practise for 5 minutes a day. This can be on the TTRS app.

### Dates for your diary

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February** - Break up for half-term.

**W/B 23<sup>rd</sup> February** – Parents' evenings

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** - World Book Day (More details to follow)

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March** - School photos

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 3 & 4 Musical Spectacular afternoon. (More details to follow)

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** - Break up for Easter

### What are we reading?