

# Year 4 Newsletter

Summer 2026

## General Information

Welcome back after what we hope was a relaxing but fun-filled Easter break! We are so impressed at how quickly everyone has settled back into our daily routine and uniform is looking great. 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 (Mon, Tues, Weds),  
Mrs Bedford (Thurs, Fri), 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 Vikings, how they travelled to Britain and the impact they had on Britain and religion.



In Geography, we will be exploring how we get our power and how we use it in everyday life.

In PE, Class 8 will continue to have swimming on Tuesdays until the end of the year. Class 7 will be doing athletics this term. Please make sure earrings are removed for PE (or covered with plasters if they are newly pierced).

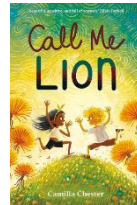
## English

After finishing our Paddington unit in which we create our own travel brochure, we will be looking at Viking myths and a range of non-fiction texts and poetry. More information on this is provided overleaf.

## What are we reading?

**Call Me Lion**

*By Camilla Chester*



**Loki: A Bad God's Guide to Being Good**

*By Louie Stowell*



## Homework

Homework is provided for maths and English each Friday and should 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!

## Times Tables

In June, all Year 4 children across the country are required to complete a statutory assessment on their times tables knowledge, up to 12 x 12. Children have opportunities to practise their times tables in school, in 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 and we suggest that children practise for 5 minutes a day. This can be on the TTR app or through counting and quizzes from parents / carers! Children may also be encouraged to play Numbots to increase their number bond fluency. Further information will be posted on class Dojo, towards the end of this term.

## Science

This term, our units of learning are the digestive system, how to keep our teeth healthy and sound. Our sound topic will cover pitch, volume and how our ears work.





Welcome back after what we hope was a great Easter break. It's been lovely to see the children settle back into their learning and routines so quickly. Please see below what we will be covering over our summer term.

Maths – decimals, money and measurement and time. We also look at angles, symmetry and shape and finally, position, direction and translation. Don't forget, we will also be completing the statutory times table multiplication check in June so it is vital that children continue to practise these as much as possible to support them in getting their best possible score.

English – To finish off our Paddington unit of learning, we will create travel brochures, using comparatives and superlatives to encourage people to visit and holiday in Peru (Paddington's home!). We will also briefly look at persuasive writing again and create an advert for the bread rolls we will be creating later this term.

During the second half of the term, we will learn the structure of myths and create our own Viking stories. Based on the school trip planned for July, we will also create a non-fiction information text.

History – Having already studied the Romans and the Anglo-Saxons, we are now moving on to the Vikings, their forms of transport, Viking beliefs and how society was structured. Look out for our history related trip coming up later in the year!

Geography – We move on to studying different renewable sources of energy that are found in the UK and the impact that this has on climate change and the environment.

PSHE – This term, we will be looking at what respectful relationships look like and summer safety. During the second summer term, we will be moving on to our age-appropriate puberty and hygiene lessons.

Science – We will continue to learn more about the digestive system and how to keep our teeth healthy, conducting our own experiment to find out more. We will then move on to sound, pitch and volume, working scientifically to record findings.

DT – The children are already really looking forward to this one! Year 4 will be looking at what bread products exist across the globe and sampling different bread-based products before designing and making their own unique sweet and savoury loaves.

Art – Our final art unit will focus on sculpture, what is sculpture and various sculpture forms. We will focus on some of the work of Anthony Gormley before moving on to continuous line drawings and turning these into wire sculptures. Our focus art movement is Surrealism and this time, we'll be looking at Salvador Dali, creating surrealism-based collages.

RE – Children will be looking at Caring and Praying: How religious people pray.

Our dates for the diary	
Year 4 Severn Trent workshops (in school)	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 4 Jorvik history trip Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July
KS2 Sports Day (this date is provisional and could change)	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June (pm)