

Year 4 Newsletter

September 2026

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 – Sandpipers: Mrs Holdridge, Mrs Bedford, Ms Jones, Ms Johnson and Miss Moreno.

Class 8 – Puffins: Miss Lievesley, Ms Jones and Mrs Harley

What are we learning?

In History this term we are studying **The Romans**, which will also feed into 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.



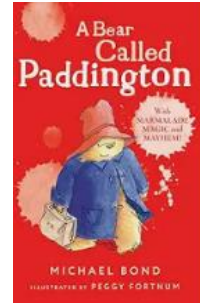
In Geography, we will be exploring volcanoes, their positive and negative impacts on the environment and studying recently erupted volcanoes to find out more about how people are able to live with volcanoes in sight!

In English, we are learning more about our class animals - sandpipers and puffins! We will be looking at what makes a good non-fiction fact file, spending time looking at layout features, what a good one sounds like and what it looks like. We will then be creating our own non-chronological reports on our class birds. Later in the term, we will move on to poetry and in particular, haikus, before using 'A Bear Called Paddington' as our writing stimulus during our second half-term. Please support your child in bringing their diary each day as this is where they stick in their passwords, spellings and where we record reading feedback in school.

What are we reading?



The Girl who Stole an Elephant
Nizvana Farook



Paddington
Michael Bond

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. Spellings will be stuck in reading diaries on a Monday for a test the following Monday.

