



Year 4 Newsletter

Advent 1 - September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to welcome you all to Year 4.

Here's some information about what we will be learning about this half term:

Our Learning	Key Vocabulary
English Writing - Our topic: Historical fiction inspired by the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. Children will explore how authors build tension and excitement in stories. By the end of the half term, children should be able to: • Write clear, accurately punctuated sentences. • Use expanded noun phrases and determiners. • Plan, write and improve an engaging story. Reading - Our topic: Historical Fiction. Children will enjoy <i>Anglo-Saxon Boy</i> as our class read, alongside a range of historical fiction. We will explore vocabulary, comprehension and how authors build tension and excitement.	Historical fiction, Anglo-Saxon, Viking, expanded noun phrases, determiners tension, build-up and challenge
Maths Our topics: Place Value, and Addition and Subtraction. Children will build confidence with numbers and develop efficient calculation skills. By the end of the half term, children should be able to: • Understand place value to 10,000. • Compare, order and round numbers. • Add and subtract 4-digit numbers, including exchanging. • Begin to develop quick and accurate times table recall.	Place value, thousands, hundreds, tens, ones, add / sum, subtract / difference and exchange
RE Learn about Abraham's call from God and understand the historical and cultural context in which he lived. Retell the story of Abraham and God's covenant, understanding that a covenant is a special promise or agreement between God and His people. Explore the story of Abraham and Isaac, considering what it teaches about trust, faith and obedience to God. Recognise that God's covenant with Abraham is the foundation of both Judaism and Christianity. Understand how Abraham and Joseph were guided by the virtues of faith, hope and love in their decisions and actions. Reflect on prayer, trust in God and how the virtues of faith, hope and love can help us be good neighbours and members of our community.	Covenant Faith Hope Love Prayer Abraham Sarah Isaac Joseph

Science Our topic: Teeth Children will learn about the different types of teeth and their functions, as well as how to care for their teeth and keep them healthy.	Incisor, canine, premolar, molar, enamel, decay, plaque and hygiene
History Our topic: Anglo-Saxons and Vikings We will explore who they were, why they came to Britain, how they lived and the impact they had on Britain.	Anglo-Saxons, Vikings, invaders, settlers, kingdom, raid, settlement and legacy
Art Our topic: Viking Clay Pots The children will be creating their own Viking-inspired clay pots. They will explore Viking designs and use traditional runes to create imprints and patterns on their pots.	Clay, Viking, runes, imprint, pattern, texture, carve and sculpt.
PSHE Our topic: Resilience, Relationships and Staying Safe. Children will explore self-worth, emotions, positive relationships and boundaries, while learning to celebrate differences, make safe choices and know when to seek support. We will also cover firework safety and making safe choices.	Resilience, self-worth, emotions, relationships, boundaries, diversity, support and safety
French Our topic: Phonics & Pronunciation Children will learn key French sounds and pronunciation, building their confidence in listening to, reading and speaking French accurately.	Key sounds: ch ou on oi i in ique ille eau eux é è e qu gne ç en an
Music Singing - Shake it Up by Taylor Swift Exploring layering of music and the structure of songs	Layers ostinatos
PE Tag Rugby - attacking and defending skills Gymnastics	Sequence Balance names
Computing Our topic: Computing systems and networks – The Internet Children will learn how the internet works and connects devices around the world. They will also explore internet safety, including how to behave responsibly online and keep their personal information safe.	Internet, network, device, connection, online, safety, personal information and responsible.

PE Days

Our PE days in Year 4 will be **Tuesday and Wednesday** each week. Please ensure that your child comes to school with the correct PE kit on these days and that all items are clearly labelled with their name.

Homework

Each week, children will receive **spellings and a homework task** linked to their learning, with spelling tests taking place the following Friday. We also ask children to **read for at least 10 minutes, three times a week**. Thank you for supporting learning at home.

I'm looking forward to a fantastic year and seeing every child grow, flourish and thrive in Year 4!

Miss Cottrell