



Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2026/27



We hope that you all had a wonderful, well-earned Summer break!
This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Geography - Our topic this half term is Food and Agriculture!

We will learn about where our food comes from, how farming has developed over time, and the challenges farmers face around the world today. Children will explore the importance of agriculture and how it connects to daily life.

You will also be receiving this term's topic homework and knowledge organiser via email. If you would like a paper version, your child can ask their class teacher.

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English - Our first unit of writing this half term will be based around the book *Granny Came Here on the Empire Windrush*. During this unit we will revisit key skills from Year 3. For example, noun phrases, adverbials, punctuation and powerful vocabulary. The themes we will draw out from the book are those of diversity, family relationships and British history.

After this, we will look at *A Little Bit of Food*. Through this poetry text, we will revisit figurative language.

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Reading – One of the most effective ways you can support your child with their academic progress and development, is through reading together regularly. Your child will receive a book from school which they should look after, and bring into school each day.

Children should be reading at home each day, preferably with an adult, for 20 minutes.
Please sign your child's reading record each day to show they are reading regularly and so they can earn rewards in school. Please note, there is a £5 charge for lost books.

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Maths - We will begin this half term by focusing on **place value**. In Year 4, children will learn about numbers up to 10,000 and understand their composition. They will use this knowledge to partition numbers, compare and order them, and build fluency with written and mental methods.

Children should know and regularly practise all of their times tables in preparation for the statutory **Multiplication Tables Check in July**. You can support your child at home by asking questions about four- and five-digit numbers such as: "How many thousands, hundreds, tens and ones are there?" or "What is 1,000 more/less than this number?" Don't forget to log on to Times Tables Rockstars
<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>





Science - This half term, we will be learning about **Animals, including Humans**. Children will explore the human digestive system, the functions of different teeth, and how to keep our teeth healthy. They will also investigate food chains and the roles of producers, predators and prey.



R.E – Year 4's big question for the year is 'Can stories change people?' This half term we will be learning about where the world comes from and how we should look after it.

P.E – This term we are swimming.

Children will be attending Dulwich Leisure centre for swimming lessons. In order to participate they will need swimming trunks(above the knee) or a one -piece swim suit (not a bikini), a swimming hat and towel. They can also bring goggles but these are not compulsory. Please note: *well enough for school. Well enough for the pool.*

We will also need parent volunteers to walk to and from the pool each week. If you can help please speak to your child's teacher.

4ES	Wednesday	11:30-12:00
4JR	Wednesday	12:30-15:00

PSHE - This half term, our focus will be on **Health and Wellbeing**. Children will learn about keeping their bodies healthy through exercise and making informed food choices. They will also learn about what happens to their bodies as they grow and change.

Music - This half term, the children will continue to work with Southwark Music Service, using their ukuleles on Exploring Pentatonic Scales, developing their understanding of pitch and melody through listening, singing and playing instruments. **For all Year 4 classes, Ukuleles must come in for Music lessons on Thursday.**



Computing - This half term, we are learning about **creating media – audio production**.

Spanish- We will begin the year with Spanish Phonics (Phonetics 1 & 2), helping children to develop accurate pronunciation and listening skills. They will also start to learn vocabulary for fruits.

On behalf of the Year 4 team, we look forward to getting to know you and your children.