



Year 4 Newsletter

Spring 1—2024/2025



Notices and Reminders

PE Day- Friday (Please remember to wear PE clothes on this day)

Uniform expectations remain high- please check your child is wearing the correct clothing-

[Uniform Expectations](#)

Key dates

January

Monday 6th- Return to School

Friday 17th- Inset Day

Thursday 30th- Year 4 'Come Dine with Me'

February

Friday 7th- NSPCC Number Day

Tuesday 11th- Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 11th- Parent Conferences (3.40- 6pm)

Wednesday 12th- Send Coffee Morning

Thursday 13th- Parent Conferences (3.40- 6pm)

Friday 14th- Break up for Half Term at 3.15pm

Monday 24th- Return to school

March

Thursday 6th- World Book Day (Dress up as a fictional character)

Wednesday 26th- Grandparent's Afternoon

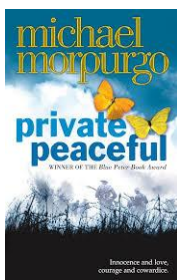
Thursday 27th- SEND Coffee Morning

Thursday 24th- 'Read with a Loved One' for Year 4 and St Barbara's Cup of Kindness at 8.30pm

Monday 31st- Residential to Ufton Court

Reading

This half term the children pick up as Tommo and the family are looking for Big Joe as he mysteriously vanished. Along the way, the children shall be using their inference skills to answer questions about how characters are feeling, as well as finding evidence to back up our thoughts and ideas – an important skill to develop.



Writing

In writing the children will be looking at the story of Cinderella. Their main focus in this unit will be on writing a detailed setting description using precise vocabulary. The children will then move onto The Royal Wedding. The focus in this unit of work will be on fact writing, ending with the children writing a newspaper report about the wedding.



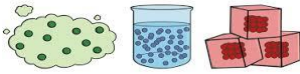
Maths

In maths the children will be using and applying their skills in multiplication and division. They will be learning different formal and informal methods to help them, as well as how to apply the different facts that they know to help them. In addition, they will be continuing to develop their knowledge of times tables.



Science

In science this half term, the children will be learning all about the different states of matter around us and how the way these materials are structured give them different properties. They will be learning all sorts of technical vocabulary, so feel free to quiz them on what they've done!



Geography

In geography the children will learn how continents were formed, beginning with Pangea. The children will be introduced to latitude and longitude. We will create simple sketch maps and learn about compass points and grid references. We will look in detail at the continent of Asia.



Art

In art this half term, the children will be practicing their painting skills by creating and changing tertiary colours, tones and tints. Our focus will be on Georgia O'Keefe, an American artist, who was the first female in the modernist art movement. They will then be recreating one of her paintings and then creating their own work in her style, using the skills they have learned.



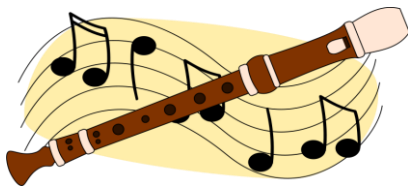
PE

In PE this half term, the children will be developing their flexibility, strength, technique control and balance while working through the gymnastics program. Each week they will be taught how to safely master different techniques such as rolls, shaped head stands and balancing positions.



Music

In music this half term, the children will be learning to play the recorder. They will learn several different notes and combine these to play along to a variety of music genres including reggae, soul and R&B.



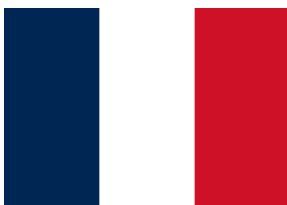
P.S.H.E.

In PSHE this half term, the children will be learning about how we grow and change as we get older. They will be looking at some of the physical and mental changes that they will experience. They will also learn about ways that they can develop independence, both at home and at school, through their decisions and choices.



French

In French this half term, the children will be learning how to talk about time, as well as learning the days of the week and months of the year.



Suggested books for reading

