



Monday 13th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had an enjoyable break. As always, we are very excited for the term ahead. Please note that **PE days have changed (more info below)**. When we return from half term break, all Year 4 pupils will take the national Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). Children will be tested in a 1:1 scenario with their class teacher. Tests will be administered over a two-week period. Please ensure your child is still practising their times tables daily for homework to help with their confidence, including **regular practice on the website linked in the homework section**. Outlined below are expectations for Year 4 and the attached 'topic map' details the curriculum overview for the term, including the topics covered in our SRE lessons this half-term.

Key Dates

Wednesday, 29th April - visit to Hampton Court

Friday, 1st May- Whole-class photographs

Monday, 4th May - Bank Holiday

Monday 1 June to Friday 12 June: Statutory Y4 computerised multiplication tests

PE

This term, our outdoor P.E. is on Tuesdays (Athletics) and indoor P.E. (Gymnastics) on Fridays.

Pencil cases

Please ensure that your child has an appropriate pencil case (which **must** be able to fit in their trays) and replenish the equipment. **Glue sticks are particularly scarce and used in every lesson. If you have any concerns about providing these resources, please email the office.**

Essential equipment for daily work includes:

- HB writing pencils x3
- colourless glue-stick
- small sharpener (preferably with a 'bin' attached)
- a rubber
- **30cm ruler (without hinges)**

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- colouring pencils

Homework

Children are expected to practise their reading, spellings and times tables daily. Your child will be given a purple homework book to practise in. Please note, there is no requirement to hand these in. We recommend children spend 15 mins reading, 10 mins on spellings and 10 mins on times tables each day.

Reading - It is a school-wide expectation that children should read daily and that this is recorded in reading records (by the child or an adult). Children should bring in their reading records and take them home every day as they contain important log in details. When reading, please mark down the date, book title and the pages read. Record books will be monitored weekly by an adult.

Spellings - The children will continue to have daily spelling lessons to learn spelling rules with a dictation spelling test every Friday. Spelling rules will be sent home for each half-term. Practising writing their spellings at home as well as in-school is essential to help 'overlearn' spellings to maximise memorability.

Times Tables - It is important children practise their times tables and division facts daily in preparation for the 'The Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)' in June. Please use the following link to practise the quantity and speed of questions similar to the MTC:

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

We are still using **ClassDojo** to communicate any class notices (such as school trip information and class news) and pictures. ClassDojo also has a messaging feature for teacher-parent communications, however, please note that any pressing issues or concerns should not be shared here. Appointments to discuss any concerns should be made via the office and we will happily make time to see you.

Yours sincerely,

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