

Year 4 Term 1 Parent Letter 2026-7

Our topic this term is: Past clues, future messages

English:

Our text for this term is The Iron Man, written by Ted Hughes. The story will be used as a stimulus for writing descriptions of the characters and settings. The children will write their own narratives and poetry which will be related to the Harvest Festival.

Topic: Humanities: We will be completing a range of historical enquiries based on the changes that Salisbury has seen between the 1200s and the present day. We will also be looking at compass points and grid references of Wiltshire and the county. We will be using the book A Street through Time.

Creative:

We will be looking at the work of Giuseppe Arcimboldo before practising sketching

PSHE:

We will be completing the JIGSAW unit: Being me in my world

RE:

In Term 1, will be studying Christianity and exploring Jesus' teaching about the kind of world he wanted.

Thank you for your ongoing support!
The Year 4 Team

Mrs Hoxey, Mrs Baker, Miss Grinter, Mrs Noyce, Mrs McKenzie, Mrs Cheetham

Maths

In Maths, we will be recapping and embedding the knowledge associated with place value. We will also be developing the skills associated with the four operations.

Science:

In Science, we will be looking at States of Matter. We will study: heating, cooling, evaporating and the water cycle.

Homework:

Spellings: This term, we are checking the children's retention of phonics and their knowledge of high frequency words and Year 3 and 4 spellings. Please look out for a personalised sheet of your children's spelling words: the words they are confident with will be highlighted – children should practise the words that are not highlighted.

Times tables – make sure your child is practising their times tables every day. It is an expectation that children in Year 4 know all of their times tables inside out!

Telling the Time! Please ensure that your child is able to tell the time on an analogue clock. Practise whenever you can to make their learning in school easier.

Reading – make sure your child is reading at least 5 times a week aloud to an adult and sign this in the communication book. This is to aid with fluency and comprehension.

Computing:

We will be creating a short animation using Google Slides, and Wick editor. We will tie it into our topic of the term.

PE: Our PE topic for this term is Curling and Football. PE lessons will be on a Wednesday.

CHILDREN TO WEAR PE KITS INTO SCHOOL. NO UNIFORM NEEDED.

MFL:

During our MFL lessons, we will be recapping vocabulary previously learnt.

Music:

We will be focusing on the Harvest festival and notation skills.

Days to note:

PE day: Wednesday

PPA for teachers: Wednesday

Key Dates coming up:

Thursday 4th September – Term 1 starts

Monday 14th September 3:30-4pm - Meet the Teachers

Friday 18th Cauliflower cards day – wear a Christmas Jumper/t-shirt!

Tuesday 13th October – Harvest Festival at St Mark's Church – 10am