

Year Four Newsletter

Spring 1 2026

Happy New Year! The children worked so hard last term and we are very proud of them. We are sure that they have had a good rest and are ready for this exciting half term!

We are starting 2026 by learning about Vikings in our history lessons and electricity in our science lessons. Once we have finished our newspaper report in writing, we will be reading a lovely story, *Leaf*, about a polar bear and this will be used as a stimulus for our writing lessons. As always, we will be using our lovely outdoor spaces to enhance the children's learning including looking after the animals, making dens and inventing games inspired by traditional playground games.

If you have any questions or concerns, please come and talk to us.



What we will be learning about:

- How electricity works and what makes a circuit in science.
- Dreams and goals in PSHE.
- Factors, multiplying and dividing by 10/100/1000 and factor pairs.
- When and how did Vikings arrive in Britain and where they sit on the timeline.
- Online bullying.
- Gymnastics.

You can help by:

- Listening to your child read regularly and logging comments in their yellow reading record. Reading books to your children will also help them to improve their reading.
- Supporting your child with their weekly spellings homework.
- Encouraging your child to practise the times tables facts and use some screen time to access TTRS.

What we will be doing:

- Viking day on Thursday 29th January.
- Writing a narrative and newspaper report.
- Using equipment to make bulbs, buzzers and motors work as well as making our switches.
- Using a screen turtle in computing lessons to draw repeating shape patterns.
- Making wire and mod-roc sculptures.
- Talking about our family in French.
- Making a painting inspired by artist DS Lowry.

Things to remember:

- Bookbags should be brought into school **every Thursday**.
 - Children receive spellings every Friday and it is checked the following Thursday.
 - Children should be reading at home for 20 minutes at least 3x per week.
 - **Class 4SM: Swimming — Wednesdays**
PE — Thursdays
 - **Class 4SK: Swimming — Mondays**
PE — Wednesdays
- Please send your child to school in their PE kit on PE days.