

Year 4 Learning Letter

Spring 1



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Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 7th January 2025 - Children return to school for Spring term

Wednesday 29th January – 4R to Forest Hill Library

Thursday 30th January – 4P to Forest Hill Library

Monday 3th February to Friday 7th February – Children's Mental Health week

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February – Half term break

Please remember that we start the school day at 8:45am and families should enter via the main gate. Our school day finishes at 3:20pm. Please wait for your child in the lower playground.

Routines:

Outdoor Learning will be at Fairlawn on these dates:

4P and 4R – 27th January 2025

Please ensure that your child brings in a pair of wellies or shoes that you don't mind getting dirty.

Please contact us via email if you can join us on either of these dates.

Outdoor PE – Tuesday (4R + 4P)

Indoor PE - Thursday (4P), Wednesday (4R)

Please ensure that your child wears the correct PE kit to school on their days: white polo shirt; sweatshirt; black/navy jogging bottoms or shorts, and trainers.

Swimming:

For 2 weeks, Year 4 will go to Forest Hill Pools every day for an hour swimming slot. 4R will leave school at 10:30 for the 11:00 slot and return to school at 12:30. 4P will leave school at 1:30 for the 2pm slot and return to school at 3:30 - please note 4P's slightly late return. Children will need to have a swimming costume/shorts, swimming hat, goggles, and a towel ready for the first day of swimming.

We are looking for parent volunteers to accompany the classes to and from Forest Hill Pools. Please email class teachers if you are available for any day.

Home Learning:

Maths: Sent home on Fridays - due in on the following Wednesday. Your child should continue to practise their times tables every day on Times Table Rockstars.

Spellings: This half-term's spelling tests will take place on the following Fridays:

24th January, 7th February

English:

This half-term, we will be developing our narrative writing skills using Roald Dahl's 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' as inspiration.

Reading:

We will be continuing our whole class model of teaching reading this term, focusing on our exciting, new class novel, 'Who Let The Gods Out'. As always, we encourage you to read with your child regularly at home.

Maths:

Perimeter – we will learn how to calculate the perimeter of regular polygons, building on our existing knowledge of shape.

Multiplication and division – we will use our existing knowledge of times tables to solve problems and develop our knowledge of divisibility rules.

Science:

This half-term, we will be learning about digestion. This will involve lots of practical exploration with making models of the digestive system and learning about teeth.

Oracy:

Oracy will begin again in Spring 1. Children will be asked to choose a piece of text to read in front of the class. More information on oracy will be sent home soon.

If you need to get in touch with us, please do so during school hours only: 8.00am - 6pm (Mon - Fri) and we will respond as soon as we can:

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