



Year 4

Summer 1 2026

Dear Year 4 Families,

I hope you have all had a lovely Easter holiday after our fantastic Spring term. This term promises to be jam-packed with learning and fun and - let's hope - some nice weather! Thank you so much to all the parents who supported with transport to Holly Hill last half term. The children thoroughly enjoyed their swimming lessons and represented our school wonderfully.

Stubington: We hope your children are excited about our upcoming residential; it is going to be such good fun. Please bring in a stamped and addressed postcard ahead of the trip so the children can write to you about their adventures whilst we are away.

Theme: This half term's overarching theme is 'Our Changing World'. We will be learning about how factors such as



climate change, global warming and plastic pollution can change our world, which strongly links in with our Art work this half term - sculpting a Polar Bear from clay.

Guided Reading: This half term in Guided Reading, the children will be focusing on developing their performance skills through poetry, and each week your child will bring a poem home. They may wish to practise reading and performing their poem at home and would really benefit from having someone listen to them, as this will help build their confidence, fluency, expression and intonation. There is no expectation for the poem to be learned by heart, but practising will support your child in delivering a clear and engaging performance. Please continue to ensure your child reads a minimum of five times a week and their reading record is signed.



Times Table Statutory Tests: As you know, the government-directed assessments for children's Times Tables recall happen in Year 4. This means that the children will be sitting their Multiplication Check this term. To help your child prepare for this, please continue to support their quick recall of all times tables up to 12 x 12. TTRS is a great way for them to practice fast recall. Alternatively,

there are many practice MTC websites online, such as <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check> which can help children get ready for the format of the test.

With many thanks for your continued support,
Miss Johnson

10 Key Texts: The Year 4 key texts are as follows:

- Revolt Against the Romans - Tony Bradman**
- Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone - J.K. Rowling
- Kensuke's Kingdom - Michael Morpurgo**
- How it Works: Electricity - Victoria Williams
- The Three Musketeers - Alexandre Dumas**
- How to Train Your Dragon - Cressida Cowell
- Akimbo and the Elephants - Alexander McCall Smith**
- The Head in the Sand: A Roman Play - Julia Donaldson
- The Iron Man - Ted Hughes**
- A World Full of Poems - DK

Important Dates:

Monday 13th April - Return to school and Easter egg hunt with buddy class.

Monday 20th - Wednesday 22nd April - Stubington Study Centre residential.

Monday 4th May - Early May Bank Holiday

Summer 1 Curriculum Overview

- English: Explanation Texts, Recounts, Newspaper Articles, Persuasive Writing
- Maths: Decimals, Money, Length, Mass and Volume, Area and Perimeter of Figures, Geometry
- RE: Easter, Pentecost and Mission
- Science: Habitats and Survival
- Geography: Local Area Study
- Art: Sculpture
- PDL: Physical Health, Mental Wellbeing, Keeping Safe
- Music: River's Journey
- French: Le Cirque!
- Computing: iPhotoEdit
- Outdoor Learning: Stubington Residential
- PE: RealPE - Physical