



Traditional Tales

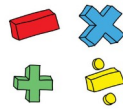
Year 4 - Term 3 - January-February 2026

WELCOME back

Welcome back from the winter break and a Happy New Year to each and every one of you! We hope you and your children had a lovely time over the festive period and are as excited as us to see what 2026 has in store! Mr Smith, Ms Johnson, Mrs Krohnen, Mrs Smith and Miss Watts are so proud of what the children have achieved already in Y4 and yet again we have a term ahead of us, full of exciting opportunities and experiences.

Maths

During this term, Y4 will be learning all about co-ordinates and how to plot, analyse and translate them. We will also continue to develop their understanding of fractions. We will also be refining our mental and written methods of addition and subtraction as well as applying this learning to help us solve mathematical problems. Rapid recall of multiplication facts continues to be a high priority and we encourage pupils to increase their recall speed using the TT Rockstars program at home.



English

During this term, Y4 will be exploring the magnificent, wordless portal story - QUEST by Aaron Becker. In this unit of work, children will develop their ability to describe a scene, using lots of linguistic features, while also flexing their creativity when conjuring up their own portal story.

In Whole Class Reading, we will also be exploring the text 'Song of a Dolphin Boy' by Elizabeth Laird.

We will be practising our cursive handwriting style regularly alongside our spellings in English lessons.

Our grammar focus will be on the use of high-level vocabulary and skilfully-controlled sentence construction.



Science

Did you hear about our topic this term? It's all about sound. This term we are investigating how the ear works, which will heavily involve lots of vibration based practical investigations. We will be acting out how sound travels through the ear, creating waves with tuning forks and making cup telephones.



Reading at Home

We are continuing to promote a love of reading across the Academy and would appreciate your support with this, ensuring that you and your child are reading widely and regularly; exposure to a range of different text types will really boost their performance.

We would like home reading to take place at least 3 times a week. Please record home reading in the new reading records.



Our Curriculum

This term, we will be studying The Suffragettes. We will be exploring the inspirational people who secured Women's right to vote and be using this knowledge to write an impactful newspaper report.



Key Messages

PE days: This term PE days are Wednesday (Gymnastics) and Friday (Netball) Children should arrive at school in their PE kit.

Water bottles: Please provide a refillable plastic water bottle if possible. We will endeavour to keep your children hydrated.

Uniform: Correct uniform to be worn at all times, including sensible black shoes (not trainers) and appropriate coat for colder weather. Please provide sun lotion, a hat and an extra drink on days with higher temperatures.

PE Kits- In line with the school guidelines, which can be seen on the external classroom window and online.

National Story Telling Week - W/C 2nd February

NSPCC Number Day - 6th February

Safer Internet Day "Too good to be true" - 11th February

Last Day of Term - 13th February



Be Inspired