



What's happening in Class Four in spring 2026?

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! The team in Class Four send best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2026. This term is the final preparation term for the Year 6 SATs, which are the week of the 11th May. The children are working hard and making great progress. Hopefully the children will not succumb to too many germs - as every day really does count.

Our geography topic for this term is Europe and in particular Greece and France. They will be learning about the physical geography, culture and traditions of these countries. We will then finish off with some map skills relating to different types of maps and scales.

In English lessons, we are currently reading *Kaspar Prince of Cats* by Michael Morpurgo. The children are learning to write character descriptions, reports, newspaper reports and letters in an historical setting. Then we will be reading *Firebird* by Saviour Pirotta, where the children will retell the story before creating their own versions.

In maths, we will be covering these topics:

- Percentages: finding percentages of amounts, knowing the equivalence between fractions, decimals and percentages
- Angles: naming, estimating, constructing and measuring angles.
- Geometry: knowing properties of triangles and quadrilaterals.
- Reasoning about shapes: vertices, edges, angles.

All of these will include problem solving.

For this term in science, the children are learning about forces, including practical activities on air resistance and water resistance. We will also be looking at the solar system and Earth's place in space.

Class Four pupils will be developing cross country and gymnastics skills in P.E. as well as developing fundamental skills such as agility and speed. **P.E. kit is to be worn to school every Monday and Wednesday.** Please make sure that correct P.E. kit is worn on these days.

This half term, we will be learning developing our composition skills using an online digital composition programme.

In DT, we will be applying our engineering skills and again entering the *If I were an Engineer* STEM competition. The children will be thinking about problems and inventing a solution to them. We will be listening to some interviews with engineers to help learn about what they do.

In computing, the children will explore the Excel programme. They will learn how to create formulae, graphs and formatting.

PSHE lessons will be centred around Citizenship where they will have the opportunity to explore their rights and responsibilities, how they can help to protect the planet and how they can contribute to the community.

In R.E., our enquiry question is, 'How do Muslims make sense of the world?' We are examining Islamic beliefs about God, some of the major festivals, how following Mohammed (PBUH) shapes Muslim life as well as looking at the impact of Islamic art.

Dr Hill will teach Class Four French on a Tuesday afternoon or morning.

What can you do?

Class Dojo is our primary means of communication. We post information regularly, so please make sure you log in frequently. You can also message us through Class Dojo.

- **The single biggest difference your child can make to their learning is daily reading at home, ideally with a chat about what they have read afterwards, including discussing meanings of words. It is the expectation in Class Four that the children read at least 5 times a week.**
- Have your child practise their spelling words daily, 10 minutes is enough time. Make sure your child knows the meaning of the word and can put it into a sentence. There is no point in learning to spell words that they do not know the meanings of!
- Ask your child times table and related division facts to improve recall.
- Ensure your child completes their homework and help them if necessary. Homework goes out on Tuesday and is to be returned the following Monday.

If you have any queries or want to come in and discuss any aspect of your child's education, we are available to meet you after school or speak to you on the phone. Mrs Horsley, Dr Hill or myself are more than happy to meet with you!



Mrs Fitzpatrick, Mrs Horsley and Dr Hill