

Year 4 Newsletter - Autumn Term 2026

Welcome to Year 4!

We hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing summer break and are looking forward to the new school year. This term, children will continue to develop their handwriting, reading, writing and mathematical skills, while becoming more confident and independent learners.

Maths

This term, we will be developing children's **mental maths and problem-solving skills**, including recalling number bonds and times-table facts. Children will also take part in **morning problem-solving starters**, giving them regular opportunities to apply their mathematical knowledge, explain their thinking and develop different strategies. One lesson each week will also focus specifically on mathematical problem solving.

Our main topics will include **calculation, number and shape**. Children will develop mental strategies for **addition, subtraction, multiplication and division** and apply these skills to a range of problems. Children should continue to practise their $\times 2$, $\times 3$, $\times 4$, $\times 5$, $\times 6$, $\times 8$ and $\times 10$ **multiplication tables** at home.

English

This term, we will begin our English learning with Lidia Branković's *The Grand Hotel of Feelings*. Through this imaginative text, children will explore how authors use language to describe a range of emotions and experiences.

The children will develop their use of **ambitious vocabulary, adjectives and verbs** to make their writing more descriptive and engaging. They will also focus on **sentence structure, punctuation and extending their ideas with reasons and detail**. As the term progresses, we will use a range of high-quality texts to inspire both reading and writing.

Topic – We are learning about Ancient Greece.

Science – Our topic is, “Animals including Humans”.

Art – In conjunction with our Greek topic, we will be looking at sculpture using clay and we will create Greek vases and Greek masks.

History – We will be learning about the influence Ancient Greece has had on the western world.

Geography – We will study South Aegean region of Greece compared to the UK.

Notices

PE and Swimming

PE takes place every **Tuesday**. Children should come to school in their normal uniform and bring a full PE kit, including plain black or white trainers, to change into at school.

Swimming takes place every **Wednesday**. Please ensure your child brings their full swimming kit, including goggles.

Homework and Reading

Homework is usually given on **Friday** and returned on **Tuesday**, although additional tasks may occasionally be set. Children should read for up to **20 minutes each night** and record their reading in their journal. Parents should sign the **reading journal each Thursday** to confirm their child has read during the week.