



# Summer Term 2026

## Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

### English

As a class, we will be reading 'Secrets of a Sun King' by Emma Carroll this term. This story is a historical mystery following Lilian Kaye, the main character who finds a cursed Egyptian jar. We will be learning all about ancient civilizations in history, with our focus on the Mayan dynasty. We will be writing diary entries as we follow in the footsteps of Lilian as she attempts to uncover secrets relating to King Tutankhamun's tomb. We will also undertake a unit of poetry and will take 'Food Choices' as our inspiration for different verses (linking to our design technology unit where we designed and baked cookies). In our non-fiction writing, we will write a persuasive brochure to try and entice readers to take our holiday advice and we will write a recount based around our research about the Ancient Mayan civilization. Our grammar lessons this term will link to our writing of recounts as we use the simple past and the past perfect tense in our work. We will also focus on how to structure and link paragraphs together in our writing. Spelling work will again focus around how we can change the meaning of words by adding different prefixes and suffixes to words.

### Maths

The children will continue to strengthen their maths knowledge and arithmetic skill by completing 'Fluent in 5' and 'Rapid Reasoning problems' each week. Revision of our times tables remains a strong focus as we work towards the national times table check in June. Please keep visiting either Monster Mash on our Purple Mash platform or TTRockstars to keep practising your times tables (up to 12 x 12). Our block of learning this half term is focusing on decimals, learning different strategies to work with maths questions and word problems. We will then be looking into money and time. After half term, we will be learning statistics and position and direction.

**Science** The children are going to be investigating sound and how sound travels. We will complete experiments and investigations through working with different sounds and seeing which ways we can dull sound and increase sound, this will be done through the use of instruments and different household items. After half term, we will learn about classifying plant and animal species.

**Art & Design** In art, we will once again create 3D artwork, taking our inspiration from artists who have been inspired by birds and wildlife. We will sketch some messy bird nests before making 3D nests using a variety of papers, natural materials, clay and moulding strips.

### Computing

This term we will be looking at Health, Wellbeing and a Healthy Lifestyle in our online safety lessons. Not only this, we will be looking into different concepts in our computing lessons using Purple Mash such as: coding and microbits. After half term, we will learn about artificial intelligence.

### Geography

Geography will be investigated before half term. In this topic we will investigate: what are rivers and how are they used? The children will learn about rivers all over the world, alongside local rivers and streams that run through Suffolk.

### History

We study history after half term, when we will be investigating the achievements of ancient Mayan civilization. We will learn about the ancient Maya and how they settled in the rainforest and why chocolate was important to their society before exploring the remains of their ancient cities.

### French

The children will be studying 'in the classroom' and will be able to write short, simple sentences that describe the classroom and the lessons they learn. They will be able to name some common classroom objects and be able to answer the question 'Qu'est-ce qu'il y a dans ta trousse?' (What do you have in your pencil case?)

### Music

We will continue our ukulele lessons with Mr Daniels, learning to read music and extending the range of notes we can play; lessons also include listening to a range of musical genres and identifying styles and rhythms. On Monday 22nd June, the children will be attending the WCET festival where they will be playing their instruments to an audience at the Apex. Please do purchase your tickets for this if you would like to come along to our performance.

### RE

This term we will be studying Sikhism. Our focus on Sikhism will explore the key question 'How do Sikhs put their beliefs about equality into practice and how Sikhs today know Guru Nanak's teachings?'

### Life Skills (PSHE)

In PSHE, we will be using Kapow to learn about 'Safety and the Changing Body'. We will begin by covering internet safety, privacy online, asthma, online information, growing up and introducing puberty.

### Year 4 Staff

#### Hazel Class teacher

Ms S Allen

#### Supported by

Mrs J Utting

Mrs R Marshall



### Diary Dates for Summer Term 2026

13<sup>th</sup> April – Term Begins

23<sup>rd</sup> April – Class

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4<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday

22<sup>nd</sup> May – Sports Day

25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May – Half Term

1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 Times Table Check

12<sup>th</sup> June – Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Day

22<sup>nd</sup> June – WCET Festival at the Apex in Bury St Edmunds

10<sup>th</sup> July – Reports to parents

17<sup>th</sup> July – Be Yourself Day

### PE

The children will participate in two PE lessons a week – Tuesdays and Fridays. This term they will be doing Outdoor and Adventurous Activities and Athletics, after half term, Netball and Cricket. They will build on collaborative skills, strategies and tactics.

Children need to have a kit that is suitable for indoor and outdoor PE. Hair must be tied back and earrings removed before coming to school. Please be mindful of the heat and bring in a change of top and deodorant as required.

We also have Sports Day to look forward to.

Useful websites that you may like to try at home to support your child's learning in school.  
<https://www.purplemash.com/sch> and [TTRockstars.com](https://www.ttrockstars.com) (logins are in children's reading logs).