

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER
AUTUMN 2026
CLASS: Lavender Year 4



Class News:

We are very excited to be back! We have a lot to look forward to in Year 4. Reminders and class messages are often sent out via Class Dojo. Please ensure you are signed up so you don't miss out on anything.

Year 4 children MUST know all their times tables to 12x12.

There will be a parent meeting later in the term to inform you about the Government multiplication test.

Reminders: Please ensure your child is the correct school uniform and all uniform, PE kits, coats and bags are clearly labelled. Please bring a water bottle to school everyday and remember to bring a healthy snack for break time. If your child is having school dinners, please order a school lunch at home on Swift Kitchen.
IMPORTANT: We are a nut free school.

PE days and kit:

PE will begin the week of 14th September and will be every **Thursday** and **Friday**. Please come to school in full PE kits (red t-shirt, black joggers or shorts, black hoodie (optional) and trainers).

From 21st September to 12th October, Saracens Foundation will be delivering 4 tag rugby sessions to year 4 every Monday. This project will culminate with an all-day tag rugby festival on Monday 19th October over at Donkey Lane. For these weeks, PE will be on **Monday and Friday**.

Homework

Homework is set weekly on Fridays on Google Classroom. Homework will be due in (online) the following Friday. **Please ensure you are signed up and log in regularly.**

Homework will consist of:

- Spellings to practice for a weekly test in class.
- Maths or English task (each week).
- Reading (At least three times a week).
- Times Table Rockstars (daily).
- AR quizzes (for those on AR). **It is important to complete at least one quiz a week with a score of at least 80%.**

CORE SUBJECTS

English writing

This term, our writing focus will be based on *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. We will explore the key events and structure of the story while developing our ability to write detailed and engaging sentences. We will practise using a range of writing skills, including constructing complex sentences with main and subordinate clauses, using a variety of conjunctions, and incorporating fronted adverbials to add depth and variety to our writing.

English reading

We will be continuing daily reading groups in groups. The focus is on improving sight vocabulary, fluency and comprehension. We will practice answering written questions as well as verbal. This will include retrieval, making inference about what has been read / the characters in the text, making predictions and summarising texts.

Please remember to bring your book to school everyday and read at home at least three times a week.

Mathematics



We will revisit our learning on place value and representing numbers to 1000. We will then explore numbers beyond 1000. This will include counting forwards and backwards in thousands and developing an understanding of how many hundreds make up a 4-digit multiple of 100 (e.g., 20 hundreds are equal to 2,000). Building on this, we will learn to represent numbers to 10,000.

Also, this term we will be practicing to add and subtract up to 4-digit numbers (with and without exchanging). Throughout this year, we will be focussing on multiplication. **Please note children should know all of their times tables up to 12 x 12.**

MULTIPLICATION TABLE

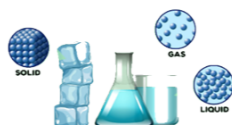
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FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

Science

This half term, we will be studying states of matter. We will learn that all matter is made up of particles which are held together or pushed apart by force, reacting to different conditions. We will learn to describe the physical features and changes.

We will also study 'sound' and learn how sound is made, how we can hear sounds and what makes sounds louder or quieter.



PSHE



This term Me and My Class are Being Encouraged. We will be looking at how our actions can affect others, how we can work together to solve problems. We will also be looking at how we are all unique and celebrate our differences.

RE

This term in RE, we will be developing our knowledge on Christianity and draw from their own religions, beliefs and practices. Children will be able to identify similarities across religions with a great focus on how people from religious and non-religious communities celebrate key festivals.



French

This term, we will be learning adjectives for describing people's physical appearance and their personality also, creating simple sentences ensuring that the adjectives agree with the gender of the noun. The children will learn that adjectives can change if the noun is masculine or feminine. We will then use these to practice describing clothes in French.

There are some fantastic free resources on the internet to help children remember what they have learned.



PE

This term in PE, we will be focusing on learning techniques and strategies in net/wall activities such as tennis, badminton, volley ball and table tennis. Throughout the unit we will learn to make decisions and choices when playing games which involves partner and group work.

We will also be doing Tag Rugby with people from the Saracens Foundation.

Next half term, our unit will be 'Controlling and Receiving'. We will explore and develop skills in controlling and receiving; developing simple attacking tactics using a range of equipment and skills. We will also be doing 'Dance' around the topic of 'Re-telling a story' where we will create narrative dances that tell a story in response to a stimulus.



History



In History, we will think about important time periods we have learned about so far (such as The Stone Age).

This will lead on to our topic of 'what inventions can we thank Ancient Civilisations for?' We will learn about Ancient Sumer, Indus Valley, Ancient Egypt, Shang Dynasty, and where and when these Ancient Civilisations were around.



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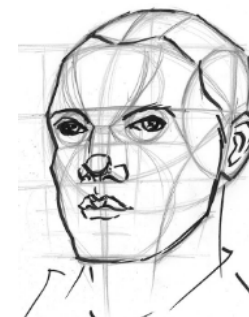
Next half term, we will explore seasonal stockings. We will discuss what they are, what they are used for and where this tradition came from. We will explore different ways of sewing fabric together and decorate fabric using our sewing skills to make our own seasonal stockings.



Art

In Art, we will learn a range of strategies to create three dimensional drawings. This will include exploring different tones and textures with shading.

We will experiment using different pencils to create different tones and apply this when drawing facial features, building up to drawing a self portrait.



We will also recap photography, thinking about capturing landscape using the rule of thirds.

Computing

We will begin the year recapping and learning more about how to stay safe on the internet. This will include being able to explain the difference between fact, opinion and belief and recognising these online.

We will then begin our topic of collaborative learning, understanding that software can be used to work collaboratively online.



Music

This year we will have a specialist come in to teach music. We will be reviewing and exploring different music techniques.

This term our music focus will be around gospel music focusing on the song 'Little light of mine.

Next half term, our theme will be 'The pink panther theme' and 'composing with colour.'



Important dates / special weeks



W/C 14th September: PE begins (please wear the correct kit)

W/C 21ST September: Curriculum meetings (over 2 weeks)

W/C 5th October: History Week

W/C 19th October: Parent consultations

W/C 26th October: Half Term

Tuesday 3rd November: Spooky Disco

Friday 13th November: Inset afternoon (12:30 finish)

W/C 16th November: Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 16th November: Odd Socks Day

Wednesday 18th November: Individual photos

Friday 4th December: Non-uniform day

Tuesday 15th December: Christmas Bazaar

Thursday 17th December: Y1/2 Nativity

Friday 18th December: Last day (1:30 finish)