



Year 4 termly information sheet

Welcome to the Autumn Term

We hope you find the following information useful.

In Year 4 both classes do P.E. on Mondays and Thursdays. Please ensure all PE kits are in school on these days and help us by making sure it is all named. PE kits can be stored in the cloakroom.

Homework will be set on a Friday and can be found in Google Classroom. If you find it difficult to access Google Classroom, please let us know so that we can provide a paper copy. Homework will include one piece of either English, Maths or Topic work per week alongside spellings and reading. It is expected that homework is handed in by Thursday.

Spellings will be issued on a Friday for a dictation test on the following Friday. Please encourage your child to practise them little and often. 10 minutes per day is often more beneficial than a Thursday night cramming session!

Books can be changed at any point throughout the week and all children are expected to read to an adult at home at least 3 times a week. Please use the Homework Diaries to record when you hear your child read, you can also use this book to make any comments. Diaries will be checked once a week.

Mr Bushell and Mr Allen will teach both classes on Monday afternoon to cover planning, preparation and assessment time (PPA). Mr Allen will teach P.E. and Mr Bushell will teach computing.

Please be reminded that because of our outdoor play and learning approach (OPAL), all children will need a waterproof coat every day. Children will go out to play in all weathers, even if it is raining, and it is very important that they are prepared for this.

The Government expects that by the end of Y4, children will know all their times tables up to 12 x 12, and there is a statutory times tables test that takes place in early June. We have already started to recap the times tables and the children should continue to practise regularly at home. They can use a

number of resources online such as TT Rockstars, which includes all sorts of ways to earn points and coins and really helps with their speed of recall. Other apps include Hit the Button and Meteor Multiplication. You may also be able to find a range of songs on You Tube. It always amazes us how children can pick up lyrics to fast playing music; the lyrics to times tables should be no different!

How you can help at home:

- Read regularly
- Practise times tables – TT Rockstars, Hit the Button, YouTube songs,
- Another tables game - <https://www.mathschase.com/>
- Address spelling mistakes in homework, discussing rules and spelling patterns
- Practise spellings at least 3 times a week
- Look at our class blog on a Friday to see what we have been learning that week <https://albancityschool.org.uk/Year-4-Gold-and-Saffron/>

Please do not hesitate to speak to us at any time before and after school or by requesting a telephone call. We are looking forward to working with your child this term.

Best wishes, The Year 4 Team

English – Writing includes letters, fact reports, poetry, suspense stories and character description. Spelling, punctuation and grammar will include recapping different word classes, expanded noun phrases using prepositions and embedding punctuation including capital letters, full stops, commas, question marks and exclamation marks.

Maths – Place value of a four-digit number, formal written methods for addition and subtraction and multiplication fluency in the times tables.

Science – Properties of materials such as solids, liquids and gases, and an introduction to electricity and circuits.

P.E – Ball skills, invasion games, gymnastics, and netball

R.E – Identifying beliefs of Sikhs as well as exploring the trinity in Christianity.

Geography – Exploring a sense of place by looking at maps of the world and studying different global landmarks, longitude, latitude, 4 figure grid references

History – Ancient Egyptians including mummification and hieroglyphics. Trip to the British Museum on 24th September.

Art – Telling a story through artwork.

Design and Technology – Explore materials that will enable children to create an effective light box.

PSHE – Exploring how to maintain respectful relationships and explore feelings and emotions such as jealousy and how to solve a problem. We will also be learning how to regulate ourselves ready for learning.

Music – Orchestral instruments in Film Music. We will be looking at how composers of film music use dynamics, tempo, articulation and instrumentation to create dramatic effects.

Spanish - Recap on numbers up to 31, days of the week, months of the year and how to say the date.

Computing – Learn about graphic design and explore loops in programming.



50 Recommended Reads for...

Year 4 (ages 8-9)

Which ones have you read?

2025-2026 Booklist

Favourite Storytime Books

- ☐  **The Wonder Brothers**
Frank Cottrell Boyce & Steven Lenton
- ☐  **Race to Imagination Island**
Mel Taylor-Bessent & Alessandro D'Urso
- ☐  **Shipwrecked**
Jenny Pearson
- ☐  **The Land of Roar**
Jenny McLachlan & Ben Mantle
- ☐  **How to Train Your Dragon**
Cressida Cowell

Classic Books

- ☐  **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe**
C. S. Lewis
- ☐  **The Queen's Nose**
Dick King Smith
- ☐  **Matilda**
Roald Dahl & Quentin Blake
- ☐  **A Street Through Time**
DK & Steve Noon

Graphic Novels

- ☐  **Bunny vs Monkey**
Jamie Smart
- ☐  **Mr Wolf's Class**
Aron Nels Steinke

Animal Stories

- ☐  **Turtle Moon**
Hannah Gold & Levi Pinfold
- ☐  **The Summer Dolphin**
Holly Webb & David Dean
- ☐  **Cobweb**
Michael Morpurgo & Michael Foreman
- ☐  **The Great Farm Rescue**
Helen Peters

Popular Illustrated Favourites

- ☐  **Grimwood**
Nadia Shireen
- ☐  **Clarice Bean: Smile**
Lauren Child
- ☐  **Solve Your Own Mystery: The Monster Maker**
Gareth P. Jones & Louise Forshaw
- ☐  **Fairy vs Wizard**
Jenny McLachlan

Mystery and Detective Stories

- ☐  **The Beanstalk Murder**
P.G. Bell
- ☐  **The Highland Falcon Thief**
M. G. Leonard, Sam Sedgman & Elisa Paganelli
- ☐  **Anisha Accidental Detective**
Serena Patel & Emma McCann

Thought-Provoking Stories

- ☐  **The Snowman Code**
Simon Stephenson & Reggie Brown
- ☐  **Song of the Dolphin Boy**
Elizabeth Laird & Peter Bailey
- ☐  **The Boy at the Back of the Class**
Onjali Q. Rauf & Pippa Curnick
- ☐  **Call Me Lion**
Camilla Chester
- ☐  **Brand New Boy**
David Almond & Marta Altés
- ☐  **Meet Matilda Rocket Builder**
Dom Conlon & Heidi Cannon

Historical Adventures

- ☐  **Roman Boy**
Tony Bradman
- ☐  **Auntie Medusa and Me**
Marie Basting
- ☐  **The Cursed Tomb**
Iszi Lawrence
- ☐  **Terrible True Tales: Romans**
Terry Deary

Shorter Reads

- ☐  **Puloma and the Bear**
Jasbinder Bilan & Skylar White
- ☐  **Bertie and the Alien Chicken**
Jenny Pearson & Aleksei Bitskoff
- ☐  **Finding Her Feet**
Eve Ainsworth & Luna Valentine
- ☐  **The Piano at the Station**
Helen Rutter & Elisa Paganelli

Funny Books

- ☐  **Diary of a Future Billionaire**
Pamela Butchart
- ☐  **The Misadventures of Mina Mahmood: School Trip**
Farhana Islam
- ☐  **The Great Chocoplot**
Chris Callaghan
- ☐  **Betty Steady and the Toad Witch**
Nicky Smith-Dale & Sarah Horne
- ☐  **You're a Bad Man, Mr Gum**
Andy Stanton

Picturebooks

- ☐  **The Barnabus Project**
The Fan Brothers
- ☐  **Town is By the Sea**
Joanne Schwartz & Sydney Smith

Poetry Collections

- ☐  **I Am the Seed That Grew the Tree**
Fiona Waters & Frann Preston-Gannon
- ☐  **On Poetry Street**
Brian Moses & Mark Elvins

Non-Fiction Books

- ☐  **Into the Volcano**
Catherine Ard & Wenjia Tang
- ☐  **At the Top of the World**
Robin Jacobs & Ed J. Brown
- ☐  **How Do Bridges Work?**
Roman Belyaev
- ☐  **Shackleton's Journey**
William Grill
- ☐  **Open Wide!**
Letizia Diamante & Ed J. Brown



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