

# YEAR 4 SPRING 1 NEWSLETTER

January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope that you all had a lovely break over Christmas and enjoyed the festivities. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you very much for the seasonal wishes and kind gifts.

This half term, there will be a geography focus, and we will be discovering what makes Australia unique. In contrast, our English texts have a winter theme, and the children will write a variety of recounts, a report and narrative. Maths will continue to develop mental, oral and written methods with focus on multiplication and division, as well as length and perimeter. Just a reminder that children are expected to be fluent in all their times tables by the end of Y4 and that statutory testing will take place in June. Practising on TTRS will help enormously, as well as boosting our Battle of the Bands class score!

In RE, children will be learning about Jewish festivals and celebrations. Computing will cover e-safety and coding. Science will cover changing states of matter. In art, children will explore Aboriginal artwork. This half term, PE will take place on Thursdays and Fridays, but please ensure children have PE kits suitable for indoor and outdoor activities at all times. Thank you.

Homework will again be set via the grid, providing a range of activities across the curriculum. These activities may be completed at any time over the next five weeks and children's work will be celebrated before the end of half term. Work may be submitted in one go, or as and when it is completed. Spellings tests continue on Fridays. Please encourage practice on Spelling Shed to reinforce our work in school.

Reading is an ongoing part of homework and, as part of our class reading expedition, the children are encouraged to read independently and make a note in their planners. This may be any reading of interest to encourage a love of books. Your child will have a school reading book within age-related book bands which they should be able to read with fluency and confidence. Bringing storytelling to life, we are all looking forward to the visiting pantomime company's performance on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, a kind treat from our Friends of School.

Finally, we will be sending a mid-year report before the February break to update you on your child's progress. We really hope that your child enjoys this half term. Our aim is for every child to achieve their best and to enjoy school and learning. If you have any queries or concerns, please let us know.

Thanks for your continued support.  
Class Four Team