



January 2025

Dear parents/guardians,

Happy New Year! Welcome to the spring term.
It is great to have everyone back after an exciting Christmas break.

Below is a brief outline of our areas of study:

- **Science:** States of matter – exploring and testing solids, liquids and gasses.
The water cycle and the properties of water.
- **Geography:** The Amazon Basin.
- **History:** Anglo Saxons and Viking conflicts with a trip to Butser Ancient Farm for a hands-on experience.



- **Design Technology:** Food: A healthy and varied diet. Research, design, make review. Designing, making and evaluating a bread-based product with a filling for lunch, such as a wrap, a sandwich, a roll, a blini or a toastie.
- **Art:** David Hockney drawing the countryside.
- **Religious Education:** Why is Muhammad important to Muslims? Faith and Pilgrimages.
- **Computing:** Safer Internet

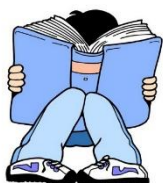
Day 11th February 2025. Coding, including a whole school activity 'Hour of Code' AI.



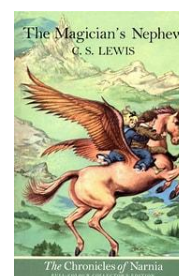
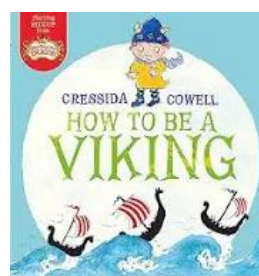
- **Music:** Glockenspiels Level 2. Reading music notes EFDC and singing.
- **Physical Education:** The children will have two P.E. lessons per week. We will be doing gymnastics on a Monday afternoon and Tennis with Aspire for P.E. on Wednesday. The children will need to wear PE kit on these days.
After half term Beech Class will be swimming on a Thursday this will replace Mondays PE.

In addition, maths and literacy lessons will be taught daily (linked to our topic work when appropriate).

Class Books this Term.



READING



The children will have regular reading sessions, as well as other opportunities to practise reading skills by reading to adults in school. When you hear your child read at home, please remember to write in the red log book. They will earn stickers and every 10 reads at home earn them golden time! I have also asked the children to write in their log book if they read to themselves at home. We will have a class book that I will read to them daily and it would be great if you read to your child too. Please encourage your child to read everything around them. Road signs, cookery books, comics, you can even put the text on your television. The more they read the broader their vocabulary.



The children will continue to have regular spellings on Spelling Frame and times tables to learn on Ttrockstars. Passwords and user names are in the red homework book. The red homework books will be sent home on a Friday and will need to be returned back to school on Tuesday morning.



Times tables will be tested on Tuesdays as all year 4 children are required by the Government to a times tables check in June. More information to follow in the Summer Term.



Spellings will be checked on Thursday morning and new spellings will be set.

| h/w | Set | due/TESTED ON |
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| Spelling | Friday | Thursday |
| X Tables | Wednesday | Tuesday |

We are looking forward to our trip to Butser Ancient Farm linked to our History topic and will keep you posted regarding this in due course.

Reading, playing Times Tables Rock Stars and Spelling Frame daily (even if only for 10mins) is my top tip at the moment!

If there any further queries I am very happy to answer these and can usually be found in the classroom at the end of the day.

If you are not coming up to the playground and would like to speak to me, please contact the office and we can then arrange a suitable time.

Best wishes,
Mrs K. Griffiths