Year 4 Spring 2026

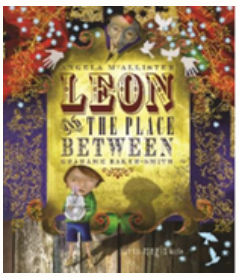
CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

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Spring Term

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and are ready for some exciting learning in the term ahead!

Our book this term is 'Leon and the Place Between' by Angela McAllister



English

In English, we will be reading the magical 'Leon and the Place Between', a dramatically illustrated story book about a boy who enters a bizarre dimension filled with magical items.

We will use the text to inspire our own writing about a journey into an imaginary space, creating settings, characters and plot for our own narratives, using noun phrases expanded by the addition of modifying adjectives, nouns and prepositions, as well as discussing and using words and phrases that capture the reader's imagination. We will also use fronted adverbials, and accurately punctuated direct speech, to help us write paragraphs around a theme.

We will read a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts, thinking about how they are structured for different purposes, practising and honing our key reading skills.

Maths

In Maths, we are learning written methods of multiplying and dividing 2 and 3 digit numbers by a 1-digit number, and how to problem solve effectively, before learning about area-what it is, how to find it and how to compare the area of different shapes.

We then begin to look at fractions, including tenths & hundredths, identifying equivalent fractions, adding and subtracting fractions, simplifying fractions and finding fractions greater than 1.

Finally, we will begin to work with decimal numbers.

We will also continue to practice times tables knowledge, learning the multiplication and division facts associated with each table up to 12x.

Science

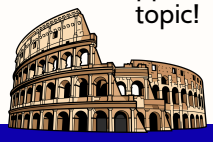
In science, we will study states of matter, learning how to compare and group materials together according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases, finding out how and why some materials change states when heated or cooled, and learn about the water cycle. There will be many exciting experiments to help us learn too!

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History

This term we will be discovering the Roman Empire and answering the enquiry question: 'Was it internal conflict or repeated invasion that ended Roman rule?' We will be able to explore two history artifact boxes to support us with this topic!



RE

In RE this half term, children will learn about what it means to be a Hindu in Britain today. They will explore how Hindus show their faith at home, within their families, and in the wider community, including worship in the mandir and celebrating festivals such as Diwali.
Children will develop an understanding of how Hindu beliefs and practices shape a whole way of life and consider the benefits of belonging to a faith community.





Heartsmart/PSHE

In PHSE this term we will be thinking about our dreams and goals. We will be sharing our hopes for the future and discover how to find the motivation to move forward even when things become difficult. We will be learning about resilience and the courage to keep going when things do not turn out as planned.

Computing

We will be continuing to use Purple Mash to design, code, test and debug.



Music

In music this term, we will be learning how to play the recorder! Recorders will be kept in school until the children are ready to bring them home and show you what they have learnt!



A note on homework:



Homework takes the form of:

- 10 minutes daily reading
- 10 minutes daily times tables practice
- Weekly Maths homework on Mymaths/in homework books
- Weekly English homework, which will have a spelling focus.

The Maths and English will be provided on Friday and will need to be completed by the following Wednesday.

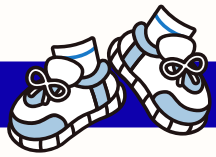
We greatly appreciate your help in supporting your child at home in these activities, it really does make a difference.

PE

Year 4 will have PE on a Wednesday. Please ensure your child comes dressed in their PE kits on a Wednesday.

PE Kit:

- A plain t-shirt (house coloured, with or without school logo) a pair of black shorts and a pair of trainers/pumps. Black joggers and a black hoodie (with or without school logo) may be worn for outside PE during cold spells,
- Earrings and jewellery are not to be worn during PE lessons and long hair should be tied back.
- Please ensure all uniform and PE kit is labelled with your child's name.



Dates for diary

- **Tuesday 10th February - Disco**
- **W/C Monday 16th February - Half-Term**
- **Thursday 5th March - World Book Day**
- **Friday 6th March - Golden Ticket Wonder Bars**
- **Friday 13th March - Easter Egg Non-uniform Day**
- **Monday 17th March - Easter Raffle Tickts on Sale**
- **Monday 23rd & Wednesday 25th March - Parents' Evenings**
- **Thursday 26th March - Easter Raffle Prize Draw**
- **Friday 27th March - last day of Spring Term**

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