



Year 4 - Term – Spring 1 2025

Welcome back!

Happy New Year to you all! We hope you had a lovely break and hope that the children are back at school ready to learn. We have lots of new, exciting units of work for them to enjoy.

Please note 4K still have 4 more swimming lessons in January. Then, in February, 4S will take over.

A few helpful reminders:

- Children come to school in P.E. kits on P.E./swimming days
- Swimming costume must be in a bag and not worn under clothing
- Earrings must be removed for PE days
- Homework books are handed in on Fridays.
- Reading books and records should be brought into school every day.

Important dates:

- Tuesday 4th February – Showcase at 2pm

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
		4S P.E. until February 4K PE from February 4S Swimming from February	4K and 4S P.E. with Dream Big	Reading books Spellings homework 4K Swimming until February

English

What your child should know –

- What an alternative retell is and how to write an alternative retell
- How to use the correct punctuation in sentences including punctuation for speech.
- How to use adjectives, adverbs, fronted adverbials and conjunctions in sentences
- The features of a non-chronological report and be able to use these to write their own report
- How to use the correct joins for cursive handwriting
- Continue to develop fluency and reading vocabulary
- Answer more complex questions about different texts

Maths – Multiplication and division and length, area and perimeter

What your child should know –

- Factor pairs and how to use them
- Multiply and divide by 10 and 100
- Use written methods to multiply and divide 2 and 3 digit numbers
- Measure in kilometres and metres
- Calculate the perimeter of a variety of shapes
- What area is
- Use squares to calculate area
- Compare the area of different shapes

Science – Sound

What your child should know –

- How sound is made and what happens as sound travels away from its source
- How sound travels from the source to the ears
- To associate sound with vibration
- The correlation between pitch and the object producing a sound
- The correlation between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it

History - Why was Ancient Egypt's civilization ahead of its time?

What your child should know -

- Know that there were several advanced civilizations on Earth around 3,000 years ago
- Know what was happening in Britain when the Ancient Egyptians were at their most powerful.
- Understand how archaeologists have helped us know what happened in Ancient Egypt, Ancient Sumer, the Indus Valley and the Shan Dynasty many years ago.
- Know how the Ancient Egyptians were influenced by the Gods.
- Know how the powerful Egyptians create a culture of slavery.

Computing - Spreadsheets

What your child should know -

- How to use 2Calculate
- How to use the formula wizard in the advanced mode to add formulae
- Explore formatting cells
- The timer and spin button
- What a line graph is
- How to use a spreadsheet for budgeting
- Explore Place Value using a spreadsheet

Art - Can I create a landscape of well-known local scenery?

What your child should know -

- What a landscape is
- Who John Constable is
- The techniques needed to create their own landscape
- To create a final landscape piece and evaluate it

Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) - Health and nutrition

What your child should know -

- What constitutes a healthy diet
- Where different foods come from
- Understand the function of different food groups for a balanced diet
- Explore the relationship and balance between physical activity and nutrition in achieving a physically and mentally healthy lifestyle
- How to prepare and work with food

R.E. - Why is Jesus inspiring to some people?

What your child should know -

- What makes a person inspirational
- The characteristics of a good role model
- Some of the teachings of Jesus
- Why holy week is important to Christians
- The following terms: gospel, incarnation and salvation

Music - Playing a musical instrument

What your child should know -

- How to use instruments correctly
- Know the parts of a recorder and ukulele
- Know chords C, F, G and A minor on the ukulele
- Know notes C, D, E, F, G, A, B on the recorder

P.E.

- Swimming lessons at Heywood Sports Centre (4K - 4 lessons until the end of January then 4S from February) - water safety and swimming unaided for up to 25m and more or swimming to improve strokes
- Dance and non-contact sports with Dream Big.

French

What your child should know -

- Vegetable names
- How to use the correct pronunciation