

What are we learning in Year 4? Spring 1 2025/26



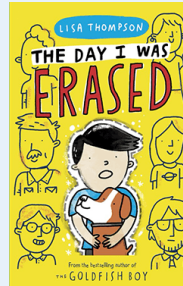
Maths: The majority of this half term will be spent further developing our multiplication and division skills, revisiting the multiplication tables we have covered in previous years and also looking at new ones we have not officially encountered. This will be of great use as we increase our multiplication practice towards the end of the term. As well as covering multiplication and division, we will look at measuring length and perimeter using cm, m and km. We will understand when to use these measurements and how to convert between them.

Science: “States of matter”. This half term we will be looking at what makes a solid, liquid and gas. We will be able to explain their properties and how you can identify the matter of different objects using these properties. We will carry out numerous investigations to look at how different items can change between the different states of matter and the effects that different weathers and temperatures have on these changes. We will also look at the water cycle and show our understanding of this.

Art: “Painting and mixed media—light and dark”. We will be focusing on tints and shades this half term. We will look at creating gradients of a singular colour and using this gradient to create the sense of something being 3D when painted. We will explore different painting techniques and how to use them effectively to create dark and light in our pictures.

Computing: Website design. We will work with Microsoft Sway to create our own website designs. We will look at what makes an effective website and how to make certain items on the website stand out. We will look at how to insert pictures and create our own book review page.

Our key text



How can I support my child?

Please continue to hear your child read regularly (at least three times per week). Homework is set each Friday to be returned the following Thursday. Please encourage your child to complete this. Don't forget optional activities for Maths and spelling are available on EdShed and we run a weekly Times Table Rockstars Competition. Each half term, optional homework activities are provided on Seesaw for the wider curriculum. Visit our class page on the website to see this half term's knowledge organisers.

Music: This half term, Mr Brown will be working with the class, developing their musical understanding further. He will work on developing collaborative working when creating music as a group and we will be sharing this with families in our music assembly.

PSHE: We will be learning about safety this half term. We will look at how to keep ourselves safe online and how to share information safely, as well as keeping others safe if they are struggling and feeling unwell.

English: We will be looking at issues and dilemmas using our key text “The Day I Was Erased” by Lisa Thompson. We will be looking at forming balanced arguments and weighing up the pros and cons before making rash decisions. We will be writing our own part of the story, developing our own dilemma and choice. We will then become inventors and advertisers. We will design our own classroom inventions and using persuasive writing, create our own advertisements to make you want to purchase.

History: “What changed in Britain after the Anglo-Saxon invasion?”. We will be looking at the different tribes that invaded Britain after the Romans and the impact this had on the country. We will make our own Anglo-Saxon walls using techniques they would have used as well as looking at the hoard of Sutton Hoo and what this tells us about the Anglo-Saxons.

RE: “Just how important are our beliefs?”. In this topic we will look at how different people from different worldviews and different groups show their beliefs. We will look at clothing that shows people are a part of an organisation as well as looking at promises some people may make to show their beliefs and food that they may or may not eat to show what they believe in.

French: “Numbers, calendars and birthdays”. We will further our knowledge of French numbers and be able to use this extended knowledge to explain the dates of certain important events and festivals as well as explain when our birthdays are.

PE: Children will be working on Dance and Dodgeball this half term. The children will develop their understanding of working to a beat, as well as portraying a story through their dances. In dodgeball, the children will develop their aim and accuracy when throwing as well as further developing their catching skills.

Important dates, visits and visitors:

Please see our weekly newsletter for any whole school events this half term.