

English

When **writing**, we will practise using:

Traditional tales – fantasy story

- inverted commas and other punctuation for direct speech
- adverbs to add interest
- a range of fronted adverbials (descriptive phrases).

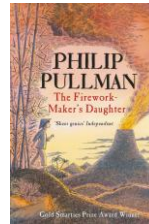
Non-fiction – report

- a range of prepositions and conjunctions
- subordinate clauses

Poetry focus – tanka

When **reading**, we will focus on prediction, retrieval and inference.

Class stories



Maths

This term, our focus is on Decimals, Money, Time and Shape. As pupils will complete the Multiplication Tables Check in June, times tables remain a key priority. Daily practise takes place on TT Rockstars in school, and regular practise at home will greatly support progress. TT Rockstars and Hit the Button are great websites to use to practise at home.



Science

Living things and their habitat - We will be grouping animals and plants in various ways. We will describe different habitats and their inhabitants.

Sound – We will describe how sounds are made and how sounds are heard through different mediums.



Geography

Rivers - We will be using maps, atlases, globes and digital mapping to locate and identify major rivers and describe the geographical features of a river. We will also explore the causes and impact of flooding.



History

Leeds History Week: The Wool Trade
- During this week, we will look at the growth of Leeds and its Woollen Industry in the 18th century.



Foundation subjects

Art: We will be exploring We will explore working in 3 dimensions using sculpture, structure, inventiveness and determination.

RE: We are looking at what makes a good leader and the qualities we might want to develop for the future

PSHE: We will learn about citizenship, caring for the environment and diverse communities.

Computing: We will be focusing on branching databases.

DT: We will be will be making and designing mechanical cars that use different methods of movement.

Music: We are exploring the song blackbird by the beatles. Looking at the features of the song, and progressing onto learning sections to play

MFL: We will learn new vocabulary and phrases about ... in French.

Book bags and reading

In Year 4, we will:

- Listen to your child read and change their book **every week**
- Provide reading books **matched** to reading levels
- Borrow books from the **school library** each week
- Teach the **skills** needed to be a confident and fluent reader

At home, please support your child by:

- Encouraging them to read **every day**
- Sending book bags to school **every day**
- **Talking to your child** about what they have read – the plot, characters, setting and other information
- Keeping in touch with us by **signing their reading record every time** they read
- Sharing **different books** with them other than their home reading book

Sometimes your child may be given the same book to re-read – this familiarity helps improve their fluency, expression, understanding and confidence.

Handwriting

In class, we will practise the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters. At home, please encourage your child to form their letters correctly and keep them consistent in size.

How to Write Continuous Cursive Letters

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm

Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz

This year, our **homework** will focus on **reading, spelling** and **times tables**.

TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS

We use TTRS to practise our times tables skills both at home and in school. Please encourage your child to access TTRS as often as possible.

EMILE SPELLINGS

We use Emile to help with spellings in class. Spelling lists will be sent home at the beginning of each half term and our spelling test will be on **Fridays**.

If your child has any issues logging into their TTRS account at home, please let us know.



This term's exciting events

Biscuit Baking:

From February until May, Class 4 will be designing, creating and sampling their own biscuit recipes in school.

23rd April:

The Railway Children theatre performance in school.

1st until 12th June Year 4 MTC

Multiplication Check Test Window- Year 4 will sit their MTC test over the course of a number of days during this time.



P.E

This half term our PE days are **Mondays** and **Fridays (swimming)**
On PE days, your child needs to:

- **come to school in PE kits and school jumpers**
- remove or cover earrings
- tie long hair back

A message will be sent out on ClassDojo about our PE days for the next half term.

Many thanks for your continued support, please speak to one of the Class 4 team if you have any questions or concerns.

Miss Stevenson, Miss Byabagambi,
Mrs Haw and Mr Winn