

YEAR FOUR'S HALF-TERMLY NEWSLETTER – Summer 1

Welcome back to our final term of Year Four! We have lots of exciting things planned leading into the summer term, especially our trip to London, which we know the children are very excited about already!

Home Learning

A reminder that we continue to ask that pupils read at least five times a week at home. Independent reading should be encouraged for Year 4 children but it is also important for them to continue to read with adults where possible. Please can an adult sign their child's reading journal when they have read.

Spellings for this half term have been sent home and a copy can be found online.

A copy of our home learning menu is attached, this half term is based on securing our knowledge of the times tables in preparation for the times table check in June. We encourage the children to use Times Table Rockstars regularly at home. This is a fun but effective way to quickly improve times table fluency. We are continuing to encourage regular access just 5-10 minutes a day on Times tables Rockstars to help build speed and confidence in preparation for our Multiplication check this term. Another great website, which is set up in the style of the online check, can be found if you Google, 'Maths Frame multiplication check'. Thank you for your support in helping your child secure this vital skill and to aim for 25 out of 25 in our test!

Behaviour

In Year 4, we are very focused on achieving silver and gold Star awards (some heading for platinum!). Star points are obtained by demonstrating excellent listening skills in class, focus, concentration and our School Christian values such as friendship, respect, kindness, compassion. The Shooting Star certificates are given out weekly for individual achievements across the curriculum or for demonstrating our Christian values alongside consistent excellent behaviour in class and at break and lunchtimes. Postcards are also sent home to children as a lovely surprise for exemplary behaviour or personal achievements.

E-safety

In year 4 and across our school curriculum we focus on E-safety and being responsible, respectful digital citizens of today's world. We focus on E-safety reminders in our weekly PSHE lessons and remind the children to be 'Smart with a Heart' if they are online. We also teach the children about their 'digital footprint' and what they post/ do online has an impact including what age restricted apps they should/shouldn't be using. The below website has information for children and parents about online behaviour including our SMART with a heart rules, videos, quizzes and how to seek advice. We also encourage the phrase, 'Think before you click'.

<https://www.childnet.com/young-people/4-11-year-olds/get-smart/>

Key Dates: Thursday 11th June Year 4 London Trip.

If you would like your child to come on this trip could you please make a £20.00 deposit on the My.Ed app by Thursday 30th April 2026 with the final payment to be made in May. Alternatively, if you would like any support with payments please don't hesitate to speak to Mrs Alty. We are so excited to take our Year 4 class to London and I know we will have a fantastic experience.



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Itinerary Times TBC but just a general outline:

06:15 – Meet at Liverpool Lime Street Station.

06:43 - 08:56 Train from Liverpool Lime Street to London Euston

10:45-11:15 River Cruise

11.15 – 12.00 Picnic lunch

12.00 -12.45 London Eye

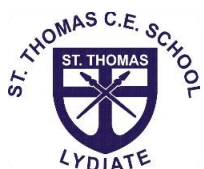
13:30-15:30 Tower of London

16:00 McDonalds dinner

20:23 Train home arrives at Liverpool Lime Street

Please let me know if you have any worries, concerns or just something you would like to discuss, as always thank you all for your continued support!

Miss Williams



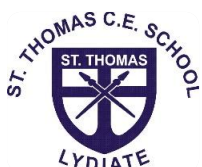
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Year Four Curriculum Map

In the Summer 1 term, we will be learning about:

Maths In Maths we will be learning about fractions, including equivalent fractions, improper fractions, mixed numbers, adding and subtracting fractions. We will then move onto our unit on Time. We will learn how to use both the 12-hour and 24-hour clock and how to convert between units of time. Following this unit we will learn all about decimals, including writing tenths and hundredths, rounding decimals and dividing whole numbers by 10 and 100. We will also continue with lots of times table practise, ahead of the Y4 Time Tables test this summer.	English In English we will be looking at a new picture book called 'The Journey' by Francesca Sanna. This will lead into us writing a refugee narrative and a diary. Our whole class guided reading sessions will continue to focus on a range of poetry, fiction and non-fiction texts.	RE Following on from our Easter topic, In RE, we will be comparing churches in our topic 'Are all Churches the same'. We will develop our understanding of the church in its widest sense and explore the similarities and differences between denominations.
History We will be commencing our unit on the Roman Empire. We will be exploring the growth of the Roman Empire, Roman life and exploring the life of Julia Caesar.	Geography We will be commencing our unit on Population. We will be exploring population density and distribution and how it varies across Great Britain.	Science In Science this half term we will be commencing our unit on Sound. Focusing on how sound is produced, how sound travels through the air, the difference between pitch and volume, how the ear works. Then we will be moving onto learning all about States of Matter and the Water cycle. Focusing on: Solids, Liquids and Gases. Evaporation. Condensation. Precipitation and The Water Cycle.
PE We will have our PE lessons on a Wednesday this half term and will be completing rounders which involves mastering a range of throwing, catching, striking and fielding techniques.	Music Over the summer term we will be continuing our djembe drumming lessons with Sefton music services. We will be learning different patterns and rhythms. French Over this half term, we will be learning about families in French. We will be learning how to present families members in terms of relations, names and ages in French.	PSHE We will be covering more of our My Happy Mind plus lessons which includes learning about safe relationships, how to show privacy, set personal boundaries and what to do if someone pressures us to do something unsafe or uncomfortable. We will be learning how to stay safe at home, when we are out and about and safety around fireworks. We will then be moving onto our Christopher Winter's lessons which focus on growing and changes and puberty.



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