YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2026

Learning • Growing • Achieving Together

Small steps make big progress!

Dear Year 4 Parents,

Welcome to our October newsletter!
We have had a wonderful start to the school year, and the children are settling beautifully into our Year 4 routines. It has been fantastic to see their enthusiasm, curiosity and growing confidence.

October will be another busy and exciting month of learning. We will continue to develop important skills in English, Mathematics, Science and Geography, while encouraging the children to become independent, responsible and enthusiastic learners.

ENGLISH

Pearson iPrimary English

This month we will continue developing our reading, writing, speaking and language skills.

Reading
- Read a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts
- Find and retrieve information
- Answer comprehension questions
- Make predictions
- Explore new vocabulary

Writing
- Write clear and interesting sentences
- Develop paragraphs
- Use descriptive vocabulary
- Organise ideas logically
- Check and improve our own writing

Grammar & Language
- Sentence structure
- Punctuation
- Parts of speech
- Vocabulary development
- Spelling and using words correctly

Speaking & Listening
- Discuss texts, share ideas,
- explain our thinking and listen respectfully to others.

English Goal:
"Make your writing interesting, accurate and full of your own ideas!"

MATHEMATICS

Abacus Textbook 1

In Mathematics, we will continue strengthening our number skills and developing our ability to solve problems independently.

Number & Place Value
- Understanding the value of digits
- Reading and writing numbers
- Comparing and ordering numbers
- Recognising number patterns

Addition & Subtraction
- Mental strategies
- Written calculations
- Solving problems
- Checking our answers

Multiplication & Division
- Developing multiplication facts
- Understanding the relationship between multiplication and division
- Solving multiplication and division problems

Problem Solving
- Reading problems carefully
- Choosing the correct operation
- Explaining our thinking
- Finding more than one way to solve a problem

Maths Goal:
"Think carefully, work it out and always check your answer!"

Remember: Our weekly Mental Maths practice will help us become faster and more confident mathematicians.

SCIENCE

Pearson iPrimary Science

In October, we will be learning about Variation and Classification.

Variation and Classification
- What variation means
- How living things are classified
- Using classification keys
- Looking at similarities and differences

Classifying Plants and Animals
- Grouping plants and animals
- Features of different groups
- Using classification keys

Growing Plants
- What plants need to grow
- Investigating growth
- Recording and comparing results

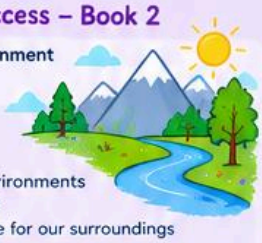
Shared Features of Animals and Plants
- Life processes
- How they grow, survive and reproduce
- Similarities and differences

Science Goal:
"Be curious, observe, investigate and discover!"

GEOGRAPHY

Oxford Geography for Success – Book 2

This month we will continue exploring our environment and the world around us.



Our learning will include:
- Understanding different environments
- Exploring how people live in and use different environments
- Learning how people can affect their environment
- Thinking about ways we can reduce waste and care for our surroundings
- Understanding why our environment is important
- Developing geographical vocabulary and skills
- Observing and describing different places and environments

Geography Goal:
"Explore our world and learn how we can help protect it!"

OUR YEAR 4 GOALS

This month we are working on becoming:

- **INDEPENDENT** – We try to solve problems ourselves before asking for help.
- **CURIOUS** – We ask questions and want to understand how and why things work.
- **KIND** – We treat our classmates and teachers with respect.
- **RESPONSIBLE** – We look after our books, belongings and classroom.
- **RESILIENT** – We don't give up when something is difficult.
- **PROUD** – We take pride in our work and always try our best.

HOME LEARNING

Parents can help support learning at home by encouraging children to:

- Read every day for at least 15–20 minutes.
- Practise weekly spelling words.
- Practise multiplication facts and mental maths.
- Complete homework carefully and neatly.
- Talk about science and geography in everyday life.
- Talk about school learning – ask your child what they learned and what they found interesting.

Thank you for your support!

A FEW REMINDERS

Please remember to send your child to school with:

- The correct books and stationery
- A healthy lunch
- A water bottle
- The correct PE uniform on PE days
- Completed homework
- Their school diary

Please encourage children to take responsibility for their own belongings.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR TEACHER

Dear Year 4,
Every day is a new opportunity to learn something, discover something and become a little more confident.

- TRY YOUR BEST
- ASK QUESTIONS
- BE KIND
- KEEP LEARNING
- BELIEVE IN YOURSELF

I am very proud of the progress you are making, and I am excited to see all that we will achieve together this month!

Let's make October a month to remember!

Warmest wishes,
Ms Stacie
Year 4 Teacher

"Every child can learn. Every child can grow. Every child can shine."