



St Paul's Church of England Primary School

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Welcome to Year 4!

Thursday 17th July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

WELCOME TO YEAR 4!

A very warm welcome to Year 4. We are looking forward to the new year ahead and some of the exciting new topics and experiences that will be taking place over the next academic year.

Meet the Team:

4B – In 4B the class teacher will be Miss Booton (Mon – Thurs) .

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and the class will be taught by Miss Ayling on a Friday

vayling@st-pauls.hereford.sch.uk

4T – in 4T the class teacher will be Mr Taylor

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If you have any questions relating to Year 4, please feel free to contact the class teacher on the email addresses above.

Our Assistant Headteacher will be Mrs Bagley, who is based in Year 3. Mrs Bagley can be contacted via email at: sbagley@st-pauls.hereford.sch.uk

Class Cover and PPA

PPA for Year 4 will take place on a Wednesday morning for the first half term and the class will be covered by the following adults:

4B – Miss Ayling

4T – Mrs Dodson

Please note that after October half term, PPA will change to a Wednesday afternoon for Year 4



Our Curriculum:

Here at St Paul's, we aim to provide the children with a balanced curriculum, which enriches their love of learning and enables all pupils to flourish in their journey to the fullness of life. Please see the information below to see which exciting topics we will be studying across the year.

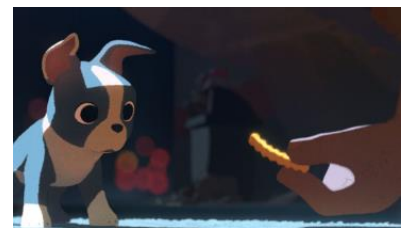
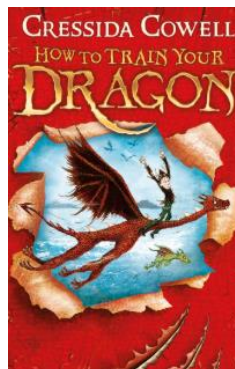
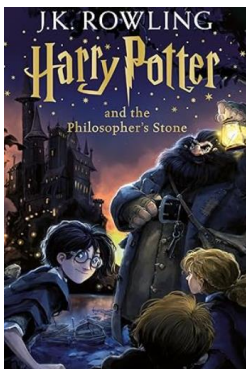
Maths:

In Year 4, there is a great focus on children knowing and remembering their times tables. We have daily times tables practice and the children use www.timestables.co.uk to practise their times table recall at home and in class. This is working towards the Multiplication Check that takes place in the summer term (more information on this to follow).

As well as this, the maths curriculum involves starting to use written methods for the four operations; comparing, ordering and working with fractions; decimals and shape, space and measure.

English:

In Year 4, we will be exploring a range of non-fiction and fiction texts in our writing, using a range of stimuli. We have weekly guided reading sessions which also look at texts across a range of genres. Below is an outline of some of the key texts and animations that we will be reading, exploring and using as a hook for written work this year:



Foundation subjects

Autumn Term: In the Autumn term, we will be looking at electricity and notable scientists in science, Anglo Saxons in history and we will be studying rivers in geography. In RE we study People of God and think about the values shown in Christianity. The children will also explore weaving in art, as well as gymnastics, football and hockey in PE.

Spring Term: In spring we look at The Vikings and focus on invasions in history, whilst exploring South America and traditions in our geography unit. We will be learning samba dancing in our PE lessons. In science we look at sound and do some practical investigations in our states of matter topic. In RE we look at Judaism and the Gospels in Christianity.



Summer Term: In summer, we explore the biome of the rainforest which also links in well when looking at classifying living things and their habitats in science. We also look at the human digestive system. In RE we look at Hinduism and different religious festivals and study childhood throughout history. In art, we use nature to inspire sculptures and in music we study minimalism.

Reading and Homework:

Homework in Year 4 will be given weekly and will either be a grammar and spelling focus, or maths. The children also have weekly spellings to learn which will be tested in school on a Friday.

The children will have their levelled reading book from our school reading scheme, but will also be able to choose a 'Love of Reading' book from either our school library or the class book corner, which they can enjoy reading at home. These books should be brought in to school every day and we encourage children to read at home regularly.

PE Kit and routines

Children need to wear PE kit to school on both a Monday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor).

Swimming:

Year 4 will be going for swimming lessons starting on **Monday 12th January** until **Monday 9th February**.

Key Dates:

- There will be the opportunity to join Year 4 for our parent workshop on: **Thursday 16th October at 9am.**
- 4B Class assembly will be on **Thursday 16th April 2026**. All welcome to attend.
- 4T Class assembly will be on **Thursday 7th May 2026**. All welcome to attend.

We look forward to working with your children next year, and wish you a fun, safe and refreshing summer break. See you in September!

Best wishes,

Miss Booton and Mr Taylor