

January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

**SPRING TERM 2026**

Happy New Year! The children have settled in brilliantly to the new term and are working very hard! We would just like to inform you of the work your child will be covering for the rest of the term.

In Literacy, we will be reading; 'Macbeth' and 'I talk like a river'. We will continue to do extended writing, comprehension work, grammar and spelling with tasks set on spelling shed. Our daily numeracy sessions will include topics such as place value, problem solving, multiplication and division, fractions, shape and space and statistics. Please join us in encouraging and helping your children to learn and *apply* their times tables (e.g. by knowing "5 x 6 = 30, so 30 ÷ 6 = 5, 30 ÷ 5 = 6"). Please login to Times Table Rock Stars to complete weekly tasks.

Our topic for this half term will be 'Rivers' where we will investigate the course of a river, how rivers are formed and specific features. On the Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, we will be attending a trip to Perlethorpe Field Study Centre where we will be partaking in a river study day trip. Included in this trip is a chance to pond dip to investigate local river life and the animals that live in specific habitats. This coincides with a later science topic where we will be studying living things and their habitats.

Additionally, on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March we will be partaking in a pilgrimage trip at Southwell Minister. The children will experience a memorable modern-day pilgrimage. Children will have chance to explore the Minster and investigate the architecture. They will have a chance to explore artefacts and symbols and learn how faith is expressed. This will bring the topics we have studied to life and will enhance the children's understanding.

Children have the opportunity to read daily in lessons and are encouraged to read at home. We ask that children bring their reading diaries and books to school every day in their book bags. Homework will be given out every Friday and will be a sheet of times tables and a spelling task. Every other week will be a maths homework to complete altogether. It should be returned by Friday of the following week.

Our topics this term include:

▪ Science	States of matter
▪ Geography	Rivers
▪ P.E.	Dance
▪ Art/D.T	Art through books/ Textiles
▪ P.S.H.E.	Jigsaw - Dreams
▪ Music	Strings
▪ Computing	Online bullying and Online Identity
▪ RE	Pilgrimages

This half term P.E. will be on Tuesday afternoon for all children. Children will be swimming this half term, 4W will swim for three weeks and 4H will follow. Children will need appropriate kit for indoor and outdoor sessions. If you would like more information about any of our work this term, then please feel free to come and see us any day after school.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 4 Team