

## Spring 1 Newsletter 2026

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We wanted to start our newsletter by wishing you all a very Happy New Year!

The new year brings many exciting opportunities to Year 4 and therefore we wanted to update you on a few things you may need to know this term.

**Reading** – Reading for pleasure is the key to reading success so reading any story to your child will be of huge benefit to them. Any books they enjoy will help to engage them and ignite their love of books and reading - so snuggle up and get reading together! We will be focusing on reading fluently and with expression, answering questions about the text including using inference and choosing appropriate books that interest them.

Please complete their reading record once you've heard them read or read to them. We would like them to read 4 times a week where possible. Children who achieve this will get a sticker/stamp in their reading record. They will also receive a raffle ticket to go into a weekly draw to win a book from our vending machine.

**PE** - Our PE days are Mondays and Fridays. We will always try to go out even in cold and damp weather so children will need appropriate clothing every week!

**Brass** – Brass lessons always take place on Thursdays and this is when the children must bring in their instruments.

**Homework** - Daily reading (any reading is valuable, not only the school reading book); Spelling Shed – games will be based on spelling patterns / tricky words that we are learning in school; Times Table Rockstars and a weekly Maths activity will be printed and given to your child on Friday; they will have one week to complete this and return it to school.

### Contact Details:

If at any point, you would like to speak to any of us, please email us directly.

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## OUR TOPICS

Sound

The Shang Dynasty



PE – Mondays and Fridays

Please bring a named water bottle to school every day.

Brass – instruments to be brought into school every Thursday.

Please make sure your child has got everything they need in their pencil case – a black handwriting pen (not a biro), a white board pen, a pencil, a rubber, a pencil sharpener and a gluestick.



### Science

In Science, we will learn about how sound is made and measured. The children will plan and carry out an investigation to find out if sound gets quieter the further away from the source it gets.

This Half Term our Discovery learning topics are:

### **The Shang Dynasty**



and

### **Sound**



### History

We will be learning all about the Shang Dynasty with a focus on:

Social hierarchy

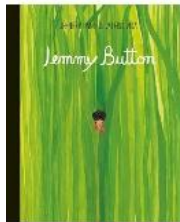
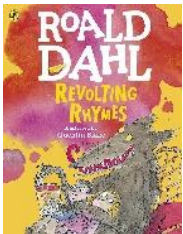
'The Oracle Bones' and the influence they had on the people

Artefacts – materials used and the purpose of the items

### English

This half term, we will start by reading 'Revolting Rhymes'. The children will be focusing on vocabulary and performing some of the rhymes.

We will then be moving on to a book called Jemmy Button by Valerio Vidali. The children will write persuasive letters to Jemmy Button to encourage him to visit the UK.



### PSHE

Keeping myself Safe

The children will learn the difference between Dangers, Risks and Hazards and how to manage these and stay safe.

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### RE

In RE, the children will explore the key beliefs of Sikhi and this will focus on the importance of equality. They will understand the values which Sikhs live by and how they express this through their community and their commitment to pray.

### Spanish

The children will learn how to talk about shapes and colours.

### Music

Mr Chappell will continue to teach the children brass.



### DT

The children will be designing and creating their own cushions.



### Maths

During this half term, the children will continue to develop their understanding of their times tables. They will learn to multiply and divide a 2 or 3 digit number by a 1 digit number.

They will also practice finding the perimeter of 2D shapes as well as measuring in kilometres and metres.

### Computing

This term, the children will be learning all about the technology in our lives where the children will be learning about the internet and the World Wide Web.

### PE

Hockey - develop understanding of attack and defence

Gym – develop balances, rolls and jumps and using these in more complex sequences.