

Primary Four NEWSLETTER

Term 1 2026-2027



Teacher's Note

As we return to school after the summer holidays, we are very excited to be working with your children and start to build a classroom culture of positivity and support. Here's to a fun and productive first term!

Gym Days 4R- Mondays & Thursdays
4H- Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Literacy

• We will practise our reading skills by sounding out words, breaking words into sounds, and blending sounds together when reading. Children will read a variety of texts to help build confidence, reading fluency, and understanding.

• We will continue learning new letter sounds (phonemes) and common words through our new spelling programme using fun, active activities.

• Talking and listening skills will be developed through class discussions and opportunities to share ideas with others.

• Our main writing focus this term will be recount writing, where children will learn how to write about events and experiences in order. We will focus on important skills such as using different sentence starters, punctuation, interesting vocabulary, and joining words (connectives).

Numeracy

This term, children will:

- Recap and build on our understanding of place value and number.
- Practise number talks to help explore different ways of solving calculations.
- Learn and use strategies such as number lines and partitioning.
- Continue to develop our addition and subtraction skills.
- Use a variety of learning approaches, including:
Number talks
- Learn through active maths activities and online games

We will also focus on building confidence and accuracy when working with numbers.

Context for Learning

This term our topic will be London. We will use this context to explore landscapes, architecture, transport and famous people and compare this to our local area.

We will develop our mapping skills by exploring the landscape and use ordering skills to place events in chronological order.

We will create a range of artwork including portraits and mixed media.

Health and Wellbeing

P.E. – We will be working on getting fitter by building skills such as stamina, speed and endurance. Children will also take part in a range of fun games to learn and practise athletics skills.

Health and Wellbeing – Pupils will learn more about their own feelings and the feelings of others. They will develop resilience, talk about ways to solve problems, and continue learning about children's rights. Together, we will create a class charter and work as a team to make our classroom a positive and supportive place.