



Whiteknights

Growing Greatness

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are continuing to provide a range of wonderful learning opportunities for the children this term. We have included some key messages below.

The Year 4 teaching team includes the following members of staff:

Amethyst Class

- Mrs Greenlaw
- Mrs Tankala (teaching assistant)
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Jasper Class

- Mr Lane(class teacher);
- Mrs Eitel and Mrs Choudhary (teaching assistants).

Year 4 pupils will continue to have PE sessions twice per week (on a Thursday and Friday). Pupils will change into their PE kit before the lesson and will come home in their PE kit. Please ensure your child has the correct kit to change into for these sessions and it is brought back ready for the next lesson.

PE items can be brought into school in a draw-string PE bag and kept in class during term time. In addition, a disposable plastic bag should be supplied for wet items to be placed in.

- Compulsory white sports t-shirt with school logo;
- Black shorts;
- Black tracksuit if appropriate;
- Trainers (black or white).

Please note, jewellery **MUST** be removed or taped for PE and games.

Please ensure all clothing and items that are brought into school are clearly **named**. This includes: all parts of the school uniform, P.E. kit, shoes, trainers, coats, lunch boxes, water bottles and book bags.

Swimming lessons will be taking place on Thursday for Jasper class this term. The dates for these swimming lessons are:



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| 1. 8 th Jan | Half Term (19 th Feb) |
| 2. 15 th Jan | |
| 3. 22 nd Jan | 7. 26 th Feb |
| 4. 29 th Jan | 8. 5 th Mar |
| 5. 5 th Feb | 9. 12 th Mar |
| 6. 12 th Feb | 10. 19 th Mar |

Home Learning

- Reading: reading should be completed a minimum of 20 minutes each day and recorded in Home Learning Diaries. Please encourage your child to use the sentence stems to form a response about their reading.
- Accelerated Reader online quiz as each book is finished;
- CENTURY weekly practice online (to be completed by Wednesday)
- 30 minutes of Times Tables Rock Stars should be completed each week. The class teacher will check this on a Wednesday while checking the completion of all other homework.
- Weekly Log and Learn spellings (to be completed in Home Learning Diaries by Wednesday)

All login details can be found inside your child's diary.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Many thanks,

Mrs Greenlaw and Mr Lane

Year 4 teachers



Year Group 4

Spring 1

English

This term we will be writing persuasive letters and newspaper reports linked to our topic learning. Our reading texts, *Extreme Habitats and Biomes*, will link to our Science learning.

Maths:

This term we are studying multiplication, division, measurement, fractions and decimals. We will be using a range of resources to help support our learning.

Computing

In computing, we will use Purple Mash to learn how to search effectively and design logos.

Different lives and environments

PSHE

Our Connect theme for this term is *Give to Others*.

Geography:

In geography we will explore the different climate zones and learn all about biomes—the distinct geographical regions around the world.

PE

In PE, we will be focusing on Netball and gymnastics. Jasper Class will be swimming each Thursday.

Science

This term, we will be learning about *Living things and their habitats*.

Art

This term we will create jewellery inspired by pieces of Anglo Saxon Jewellery that have been found. We will use wire to create our pieces.

Music

We will be continuing to learn how to play the ukulele by learning the chord of C as well as continue to learn a range of musical theory.

Latin:

We will be learning about Romans and Britons by exploring the impact that the Roman invasion has had on Britain and what life was like for Britons during this time period.

Curriculum Enrichment

SPLAT: Wednesday **14th January 2026**

Topic Projects

To be announced soon!

Design a model, drawing or poster of a habitat for one animal. Include all of the things the animal will need in order to survive. Project due date: **Monday 9th February**.

Websites Worth Visiting

<https://www.earthobservatory.nasa.gov/biome>
<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/general-history/anglo-saxons/>
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>
<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/maths/primary-multiplication-division/help-with-times-tables/>
<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/teacher>