

Our Values

Respect, Kindness, Resilience,
Integrity, Honesty and Trust



Our Rules

- Do our best
- Be respectful
- Be safe
- Be kind
- Be ready

Year 4's Newsletter Spring 1 2026

Year 4 have had a very busy Spring 1! We are very proud of all their hard work as we start to come to the end of the very long and rainy winter.



In **Destination Reader**, we are coming to the end of **The Ancient Egypt Sleepover**, a very exciting adventure story about a young Londoner and a magical mysterious museum experience.



Literacy has been especially exciting this half term as we as a school have started work on a new way of writing. Talk for Writing utilises lots of oracy, drama and sentence games - the children have taken to it brilliantly, and have been producing some really exceptional descriptive writing, including poetry and stories!



In **Maths**, we have continued working on multiplication and division. We are also starting to really focus on times tables practice ahead of the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check in Summer. We are making sure we can work out our times tables facts as quickly as possible - as much practice as you can do at home across all the times tables will really help with this, too! Remember to make use of Emile- practise makes progress!

We have been studying **Ancient Egypt** in History, a topic we have all really enjoyed. A highlight was a session where the children were in role as different Ancient Egyptian groups - we had some very impassioned and knowledgeable engineers, scribes and farmers.

In **Science**, we are just completing our unit on Living Things and their Habitats. The children have learned lots about different habitats, including urban habitats, and produced some beautiful and informative leaflets about them.

We loved welcoming in parents and carers for our class sharing session this week - it was wonderful to see so many of the children able to proudly share their work and their learning environments with you all.

Reminders:



P.E. will be on Thursdays (two sessions) for the first week back, and we will let you know if and when this changes, dependent on our coaches' schedules.

Please ensure your child **comes to school wearing their P.E. kit** on these days.

Reading

Please ensure your child brings their **home reading book to school every Friday**, so we can see what they've been reading. When a child finishes a levelled book, they will have the opportunity to **take a short quiz** to determine if they are ready to move on to the next level. Please make sure you continue to read as much as possible with your children in the half term!

Homework will be given on **Friday** and should be returned by the following **Wednesday**.



Please note that any homework submitted after Wednesday will **not be marked**. We encourage you to **support your child** in completing their homework, but please **allow them to do the work as independently as possible**. If your child is struggling to complete the homework, please speak to us.



Children will need to continue to bring their own water bottles in daily. This is to ensure that children stay hydrated. Their bottle should also be clearly labelled with their name. We will remind children to take bottles home for washing.

We're looking forward to the rest of what we know will be a fantastic Year 4 at Holmleigh!

If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to the teaching team.

Enjoy the half term - we hope you all have a lovely and restful week.

Kind regards,

Miss Masi & Miss Marsh