

Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn 1

Welcome back!

We hope all our Year 4 students and their families had a fantastic summer break and are returning refreshed and ready for the exciting year ahead! There's so much planned in the coming weeks, and we can't wait to share it all with you!

This term in art, Year 4 will be taking on an exciting creative challenge inspired by the legendary tale of *Mulan*.

In our upcoming project, pupils will imagine that the Emperor of China has commissioned them to create a piece of artwork that tells a scene from Mulan's story.

They will explore traditional Chinese techniques, study the work of Chinese artists, and experiment with tone and brushwork to create light, shadow, and texture. We're looking forward to seeing their imagination and creativity come to life in this unit!



Key dates and important information:

Date	Activity
Every Wednesday	Indoor PE (Magnolia and Mulberry)
Every Friday	Outdoor PE (all classes)
Every Friday	Swimming (Laburnum ONLY this term)
Every Friday	Times tables and spelling test
Every Friday	Music lessons
Friday 16 th October	Wear Red Day for Show Racism the Red Card

PE

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every day. All items of clothing should be clearly named, including school uniform.

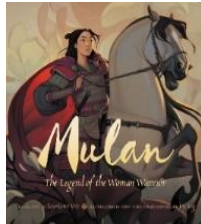
Swimming

In Year 4, children have a course of 10 weekly swimming lessons. This term, it's Laburnum's turn. Please speak to the class teacher if you have any questions about this.

OUR CURRICULUM

English

This term, our core text is the inspiring legend of *Mulan*. As we explore Mulan's incredible journey, we'll be using the story as a springboard for our writing. Children will be learning to write persuasive letters, thinking carefully about how to express opinions and influence others – just as Mulan had to do when making bold decisions. We'll also be stepping into Mulan's shoes to write first-person narratives, capturing her emotions and experiences in key moments of the story. Alongside this, we'll be developing our grammar skills, including learning how to use fronted adverbials to add detail and structure to our sentences, and consolidating our understanding of how to punctuate speech accurately.



Mathematics

In maths, we will begin by focusing on place value. We will be learning about the value of each digit within a four-digit number, before moving onto comparing and ordering such numbers. We will then begin our work on addition and subtraction and learn how to use the column method for each of these.



At the end of Year 4, all children will take a multiplication test. The multiplication tables check (MTC) is statutory for primary schools. The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. We will send out more information nearer the time.

Science

This half term, children will be learning about Living Things and Their Habitats. They will learn how living things can be grouped in different ways and will classify animals into groups such as mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and insects. Children will also use classification keys and research animals using online resources. Later in the unit, they will explore how environments can change and how both natural and human actions can impact living things.

PSHE

During our PSHE lessons, we will be focusing on living in the wider world. Lessons will include human rights, attitudes towards money and stereotypes.

How to support your child at home with their learning this half term...

- **Science** – Discuss environmental issues such as recycling and caring for the planet.
- **Art** – Try your hand at Chinese calligraphy! Practice writing simple Chinese characters using a brush or pen.
- **Reading** – Daily reading is essential. Please ensure you complete the diary and have your book and reading in school every day.
- **Maths** – Continue to practise your 2,3,4,5,8 and 10 times tables on Times Tables Rockstars.