

Year 4 Learning Spring 1 2025

English

Our core reading text this half term is Queen of Darkness, by Tony Bradman. We will be writing diary entries, writing from different character points of view, writing character and setting descriptions, debating, predicting, letters, summarising events and the plot, and writing explanation text about Boudica. This links with our History learning.



Maths – Length and Perimeter, and Fractions.

We will be using our experiences and previous knowledge to introduce kilometres as a greater measure of distance. We will be converting measurements and counting in 1000s. We will be finding the perimeter of shapes and the missing lengths. In the fractions unit we will be covering fractions as a whole, unit and non-unit fractions, adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator and understanding improper fractions.



Websites: -

TT Rockstars – every child has their own log in details
Hit the Button – free website

History – The Romans

This half term our History area of learning is based around the question 'Who were the Romans and what did we learn from them?' We will be learning about how Britain changed from the Iron Age to the end of the Roman occupation, how the Roman occupation of Britain helped to advance British society, how there was resistance to the Roman occupation and learn about Boudica and legacy she left.

Geography – Rivers

This half term our Geography area of learning is based around the question 'Why are most of the world's cities located by rivers?' We will be learning about where the main mountain regions are in the UK. Know, name and locate the main rivers in the UK. Know how countries can be prepared and protect themselves from the effects of an earthquake. Know how tsunamis are formed. Know the impact of the water cycle and potential flooding.

Science – How do some solids, liquids and gases change state?

We will be learning about how to group materials based on their state of matter, understanding the difference between solids, liquids and gases, know the temperature at which materials change state, learning about and explore how some materials can change state, know the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle, linking in with geography.

PE

Swimming is on Tuesdays – please ensure your child has appropriate swimming shorts/trunks or a one-piece costume, along with a towel, all in a separate bag and named.

PLEASE CAN ALL CHILDREN (BOYS AND GIRLS) BRING A SWIM HAT TO BE WORN FOR EACH LESSON – this is the Friary policy not school policy.

On Thursdays, we will be doing hockey outdoors – please ensure children have shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings and a t-shirt of their team colour, they may wish to have a sweatshirt etc to wear over the top. Unless it is raining heavily we WILL be outside. Appropriate outdoor trainers must also be worn.

RE/PSHE/Music

RE- To understand and research key events in the development of a religious tradition and explain the impact on believers today.

PSHE – Me and My Safety - Know the difference between the terms risk, danger and hazard, know about the school rules in relation to health and safety, know how laws and rules keep people safe and know how to keep safe online.

Music- We will be continuing to learn to play the violin led by an external teacher.

DT

In DT we will be doing some Food Technology and making a healthy pizza.

We will also be looking at mechanisms and making a Roman Weapon to propel a marble.



MFL/Computing

French – we will be learning about different festivals, recapping numbers to 30 and learning to count to 60.

Computing – we will be learning about data and information logging.

How to help your child at home

Weekly spellings - test will be on a Tuesday, please refer to the spelling booklet sent home.

Multiplication Tables – TT Rockstars (children have their own log ins), Hit the Button, BBC Super Movers – all online games. We have paper copies of multiplication tables too if your child would like them.

Reading – diaries to be handed in every Wednesday please, ensure your child has at least 3 reads and 3 comments per week (these can be written by your child), signed by an adult.

Dates for your diary

Friday 14th February – INSET Day – School CLOSED to pupils.

Monday 24th February – Return to school.

Thursday 27th February – Entrust music concert in school.

Friday 28th February – Class photos, not individual.

Friday 11th April – Break up for Easter holidays at 3.15pm.

Monday 28th April – Return to school.

Friday 2nd May – INSET Day – school CLOSED to pupils.

Monday 5th May – May bank holiday – school CLOSED

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Parker and Mrs Heath

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact us:

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