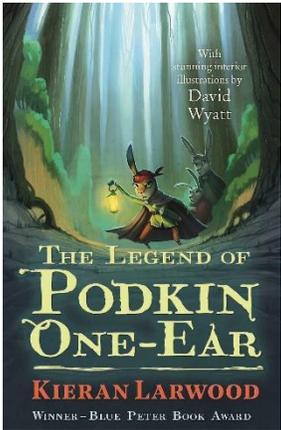


# Year 4 Newsletter

## Spring 2023 – Half Term 1

Welcome back to another half term in Year 4!  
We had lots of fun last year and hope to have even more in 2023!

### Year 4 Curriculum



In **English** this half term, we will be reading 'The Legend of Podkin One Ear' - a fantastic book about the adventure of young rabbit Podkin, the son of the Chief of Munbury warren, who must shake off his lazy, self-indulgent childhood and stand tall and strong against the most terrifying threat ever known - the grotesque evil of the Gorm. We will enjoy reading this book slowly over the half term so please don't read ahead with your child at home! We will be writing an array of different text types, using the book as our inspiration.

In **Maths** this half term, we will be developing our knowledge of multiplication and division. We will be working hard to multiply a 3-digit number by a 1-digit number and use our written method to help us solve these questions. We will also develop our understanding of the 'bus stop method'. Times tables facts are crucial for both methods, so it continues to be crucial that your child is trying their best to learn these at home. After this, we will move on to developing our understanding of length and perimeter, building upon the knowledge acquired in Year 3. Before the end of the half term, we will begin our fractions unit, which will continue in to the second spring term.





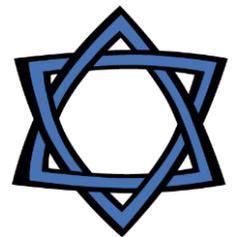
In **Science**, we will be learning all about sound! We will learn about how we are able to hear sounds, how we can affect the volume and pitch of a sound and try to label the parts of the ear. We look forwards to carrying out some noisy investigations this half term!

In our **DT** lessons, we will be learning to make our own dips and prepare crudites to go with them. We will begin by tasting various existing dips and crudites, move on to explore how they are made before making and evaluating our own ones. If possible, it would be great for your child to practice their cutting and peeling skills at home in preparation for our lessons.



In **Computing** this half term, we will be developing our understanding of spreadsheets! In our lessons, we will aim to be able to format cells, use timers and spin buttons, use graphing tools to create a line graph & apply our understanding of spreadsheets to a real life context - budgeting!

In **RE** this half term, we will begin learning about Judaism! We will be studying various aspects of the religion including the 10 commandments, the Jewish holy book and place of worship and have a go at writing in Hebrew! We will continue to explore the religion next half term too.



In **PSHE** this half term, we are exploring our hopes and dreams, what they mean to us, how to achieve them & what we can do if we face upset whilst trying to achieve them.

Our final subject the children will be learning this half term is **History**. For this half term, we have a new and exciting unit for Year 4 which follows crime and punishment through the ages. We will explore what crimes and punishments were like in the Roman times, the Anglo-Saxon period (both studied in Year 3) and what it was like in the Victorian times (as studied last half term). After this, we will look at how the role of the police force has changed through the ages. We will be making lots of comparisons between then and now as well as using the historical skills of chronology, interpreting evidence, understanding historical significance & identifying change and continuity.



## Value of the Month

January - Resilience



February - Care



# Homework

Thank you all so much for your continued support in ensuring your child's homework is finished to a high standard. We have seen some brilliant work this year and can't wait to see some more as the year continues!

A homework task will continue to be set weekly on a Friday. Alongside this, it is the expectation that children will practice their times tables for at least 30 minutes each week and read with an adult at least 3 times a week. If your child brings a phonics book home, this is the book that they should be reading with an adult.

# Multiplication Check

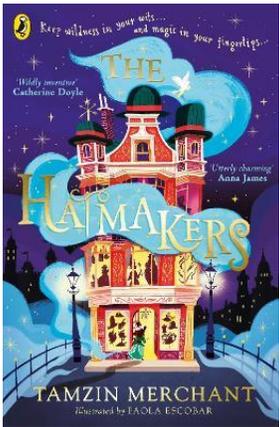
As explained last term, children in Year 4 are expected to sit a nationwide multiplication check. The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. This year, **the assessment will take place in June.**

The assessment is an **on-screen** check consisting of **25 times table questions**. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have **6 seconds to answer each question**. There are no division questions in the check, only multiplication ones.

We will share your child's score (out of 25) with you once we have received them in the summer term. To see the format of the assessment, your child can login to their Purple Mash account, select Games, then Mathematics and then multiplication. Your child will be used to doing this task under 'assessment' mode regularly in school. Times Tables Rock Stars also have a similar feature on their website called 'soundcheck'.

# Book recommendations for Year 4...

## The Hatmakers - Tamzin Merchant



In Cordelia's world, Making - crafting items such as hats, cloaks, watches, boots and gloves from magical ingredients - is a rare and ancient skill, and only a few special Maker families remain. When Cordelia's father Prospero and his ship are lost at sea during a mission to collect hat ingredients, Cordelia is determined to find him. But Uncle Tiberius and Aunt Ariadne have no time to help, for an ancient rivalry between the Maker families is threatening to surface. Worse, someone seems to be using Maker magic to start a war. It's up to Cordelia to find out who, and why . . .

## The Land of Roar - Jenny McLachlan

When Arthur and Rose were little, they were heroes in the Land of Roar, an imaginary world that they found by climbing through the folding bed in their grandad's attic. Roar was filled with things they loved - dragons, mermaids, ninja wizards and adventure - as well as things that scared them. Now the twins are 11, Roar is just a memory. But when they help Grandad clean out the attic, Arthur is horrified as Grandad is pulled into the folding bed and vanishes. Is he playing a joke? Or is Roar...real?



# Thank you!

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter, I hope you have found it useful. If you have any queries, please remember you can email us at:

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