

## Year 4

### Curriculum Update 'January 2026'

#### **Happy New Year!**

**Welcome back, we hope you have all had a good break and are looking forward to another exciting half term.**

For the next half term our curriculum focus for Science will be Changing States. We will be learning how materials change between solids, liquids, and gases through heating and cooling, and explore processes like melting, freezing, evaporation, and condensation.

In Maths we will be starting the half term with Multiplication and Division. We will learning how to multiply and divide a 2 digit number by a 1 digit number using written methods, factor pairs and how to multiply 3 digit numbers. From here we will then move onto measurement.

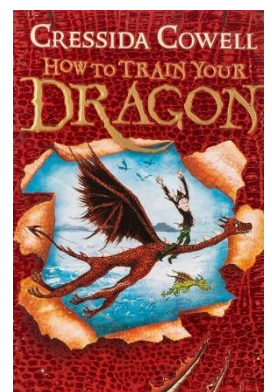


Times tables will continue to be a big focus this half term. By the end of Year 4 the children need to know all their tables up to 12 x 12 and will be having a test

for this in the Summer term. Within school we are providing the children with lots of different learning activities to help them learn these facts, including weekly times tables challenges and multiplication checks online. We will also be continuing to learn our times tables using Times Tables Rockstars and the multiplication check-

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/> . We would really like the children to continue to use these learning games at home to help them build on their times tables knowledge. Thank you for your continued support with this.

In English, we will be using the exciting book 'How to Train Your Dragon' as inspiration for our writing. The children will learn how to write clear and detailed instructions, focusing on how to train a dragon. They will also create action-packed pieces describing the dragons taking



their first flight, using vivid language and dynamic sentence structures to bring the scene to life.



In Geography, we will be exploring the fascinating continent of Europe. The children will learn about its countries, capitals, and key physical features such as mountains, rivers, and seas. They will also investigate the cultural diversity of Europe, comparing climates, traditions, and landmarks across different regions.

In Design and Technology, the children will be designing and making their own book sleeves/ purses. They will focus on exploring different types of fastenings, such as buttons, zips, and Velcro, to create a functional and stylish design. Through this project, they will develop their sewing and construction skills while learning how to choose materials and fastenings that are both practical and durable.

In French the children will continue to revise basic words and greetings and our focus this half term will be ' At the tearoom'. The children will learn how to order different types of foods in French , as well as learning some basic maths in French ,when asking and paying for the bill in a restaurant.

We will begin the new term by having two special Religious Education days. The theme this year is 'Light and Dark'. Across these two days , the children will explore the different religions within their class and from around the world and what light and dark represents in these. Look out for photographs and videos of the activities from these days on dojo.

Swimming continues for another 4 weeks after Christmas on the same days for each class.

