

Year 4 Spring 1 Topic Letter

If You Could Step Into Aztec Times...

How do the beliefs of people influence the way they live and the choices they make?

Happy New Year!

In literacy, we will be moving on to the book 'Luna and the Treasure of Tlaloc', a story that explores Aztec mythology. As part of this topic, please provide your child with an unwanted, plain T-shirt or cloth that can be used to for Aztec printing.

In writing we will continue working on writing stronger and more interesting sentences by using **nouns**, **adjectives**, **verbs** and **adverbs** effectively. This will be incorporated into simple sentences as well as compound sentences. Compound sentences have two independent clauses, separated by a comma and joined by a coordinating conjunction such as for, and, nor, but, or, yet, or so (often remembered by the acronym FANBOYS).

An example how a simple sentence can be made stronger:

Edward sat on a chair.

The elegant rabbit sat on a chair patiently.

An example how a compound sentence can be made stronger:

Edward fell into the sea, and he drifted away.

The porcelain rabbit sank slowly into the sea, and he gradually drifted away from the ship.

In compound sentences, both simple sentences make sense on their own; the coordinating conjunction, simply connects them.

In maths, we will be focusing on developing our multiplication facts. Along with consolidating the 2, 5, 10 and 3, 4, 8 times tables learned last year, we will move on to the 6, 7, 9, and then 11 and 12 times tables. After that, we will progress to multiplying 2- and 3-digit numbers by 1-digit number. You can help at home by encouraging your child to practise multiplication facts daily for just 10-15 minutes. Celebrate effort and progress—confidence grows with practice!

Thank you for your cooperation!

Kind regards,
Year 4 team

Homework

Your child should be reading everyday for a minimum of 10-15 minutes. Spellings are sent home and will continue to be tested on a weekly basis. In addition, please encourage your child to practise their multiplication facts. These are all important foundations for your child's learning and will greatly support their confidence and success in future areas of learning!

Swimming

Swimming will continue on Monday mornings until January 26th (our last session). If your child cannot participate for any reason, please send a note with your child on the day.

General information

- Sports leaders sessions have now finished for Year 4 pupils; therefore, children must wear their uniforms as normal on Wednesdays.
- Children who wish to go on the field must wear spare shoes.
- Please can we remind children that toys and fidgets should not be brought into school for playtimes or Golden Time unless they have the 'Bring a Toy' reward coupon.

If you are available to help with weekly readers, please can you speak to your child's class teacher.

Dates for your diaries:

- Friday 13th February - Last day before half term
- Monday 23rd February - First day back after half term
- WC 2nd March 2026 - Parents Evening
- 20th March 2026 - Year 4 Special Assembly

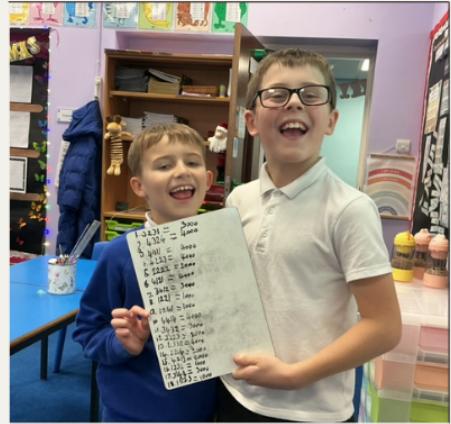
Looking back on Autumn 2...



Toy Workshop with Mrs Pickering



Breakfast with Santa



Maths treasure hunt



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Bobble hat making



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