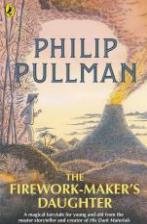


## Spring Term: Information for Year 4

**Class Teacher:** Miss McIntee

**Date:** Spring Term 2025 - 2026 (Jan - Apr)

The Year 4 team hope you've had a restful and enjoyable winter break!

Subject:	Class work:	How you can help:
English Reading	The Firework-Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman  	Encourage your child to read while at home. In Year 4, they can independently write in their reading records.
English Writing	The Creature - non-fiction  Story writing Character descriptions Newspaper report writing	This half term, we are studying The Firework-Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman. We will be reading this together as a class and exploring the characters and storyline in lessons, leading to us writing our own stories.  A list of statutory spelling words will be available in your child's learning log. It is essential that they take time to practice these over the half term, building their understanding of spelling patterns and awareness of word definitions. In class, we have learnt a number of techniques to practise spellings and we hope the children will be able to utilise these at home.
Mathematics	Multiplication and division  Length and perimeter  Fractions and mixed numbers  Decimals	Ensure children complete practice on the key instant recall facts for Year 4 (available on the website)  You could help at home by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Counting in different steps such as twos, threes and fours.</li> <li>- Practising and modelling mental addition and subtraction methods.</li> <li>- Applying the four operations in real life contexts.</li> <li>- Encouraging use of analogue clock.</li> </ul> Times Tables Rockstars is an online resource to support the learning of multiplication facts. It is extremely important that children are regularly practising and developing their multiplication knowledge.
Science	Electricity  States of matter	It would help if the children were exposed to scientific conversations. Pose questions such as 'how does this light turn on from this switch?', 'when I boil/freeze water, what might happen?'. Simple thinking points help them to relate their learning to real-life contexts.  Books and online resources can be useful ways for children to further develop their knowledge. The 2024 Christmas lectures by the Royal Institution are an informative and entertaining watch!
Geography	A study of the UK, exploring its countries, counties and cities.  Learning about the processes that cause coasts and identifying this in the UK.	Encourage geographical questions, modelling this inquisitive thinking. There are lots of references to the United Kingdom and its landscape in popular TV shows - Blue Peter and BBC Teach videos are good examples.
Design Technology	Electricity: circuits and making a torch	Share experiences from your own lives with the children and get them to talk about these topics with the wider family. Share any photos, etc. you may have from your experiences.
Art	Watercolours - to use paint to experiment, create washes, mix effectively.	You could visit the library for books or research on the internet,

Computing	Coding - to create a simple computer program.	BBC schools has lots of fantastic games and activities for you to explore.
French	Family - understanding possessive adjectives  Animals - recognise, recall and spell up to 10 animals.	
History	Ancient Greece - a study of Greek life and achievements and their influence on the western world.	
Music	Developing our ukulele skills, learning to play simple songs with three chords with a focus on notation awareness.	
PE	We are improving our physical skills through balance practice and netball.	
PSHCE	Dreams and Goals - understand disappointment and resilience, create realistic goals and celebrate others achievements.	
RE	What faiths are shared in our country?  How do the Five Pillars guide Muslims?	
Specific dates and home learning	<p><b>P.E. Dates (please make sure that your child comes to school in a full, named PE kit on these days):</b> Tuesday and Friday</p> <p><b>Home Learning:</b> Reading practice daily for 15mins (record comments in their reading record) Spellings practice - 5 minutes daily Maths calculations practice working on key instant recall facts (KIRFs) - 5 mins 3x weekly</p> <p>Home learning books will be checked each Tuesday, please remind your child to do any work in this book as evidence.</p>	
<p>Please can you ensure your child's name is written in/on anything they bring into school (clothing, water bottles, wellies, lunchboxes etc)</p>		

Thank you for your support!

Miss McIntee