

**Year 4**  
**Miss Carlton-Ware and Mr Mayfield**  
**January 2025 - February 2025**



Welcome back everyone,  
We hope you had a lovely half-term and enjoyed your time with your family over the festive period.

This half-term, we have another fun filled curriculum in Year 4; it is full of exciting learning opportunities for your children. We will be exploring the topic of 'Fairtrade'

**English**

This half term, we will be starting a new class novel, 'The Iron Man'. The children will have opportunities to read parts of the text out loud to develop fluency and expression and will answer a range of comprehension questions to show their understanding. This book has been a favourite of many classes before, and we can't wait to get stuck in!

In our writing lessons this half term, we will begin by writing a persuasive letter to local shopkeepers to convince them to sell Fairtrade products. Following on from this, we will be writing a set of instructions on how to catch The Iron Man. The grammar features we will continue to incorporate in our writing will be apostrophes for possession, time adverbials and modal verbs.

**Maths**

This half-term, we will begin our Maths learning with fractions. We will explore equivalent fractions, improper fractions and adding and subtracting fractions. We strongly advise that children continue to practice their times tables at home daily, either on TT Rockstars or in the timetable books provided at the beginning of the school year. Each week, the children also have opportunities to develop their fluency through daily fluency practice and improve their reasoning skills through whole class reasoning sessions.

**Reading:**

All children will have their own reading book chosen at their reading level. We would like you to continue to send your child to school each day with it, along with their planner. The children will also get to choose a different book from our class library to read for pleasure. Please take good care of all books sent home.

***Please can you make sure that you sign your child's planner at least 3 times a week to have their book changed.***

**PE:**

Frida Kahlo Class: Indoor PE will be on Monday and outdoor PE will be on Friday.

Rob Burrow Class: Indoor PE and swimming will be on Fridays.

***Please continue to send your children to school in their PE kits on their PE days. Please ensure that this is a plain black with black shorts or joggers/leggings. As we are entering the colder months, we would also recommend a plain black hoodie/sweatshirt.***

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to speak to us on the door any evening or message us on Class Dojo.

Many thanks,

Miss Carlton-Ware and Mr Mayfield

The Year 4 Team

**Important Dates:**

- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – Start of the Half-term holiday
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 - Start of Spring 2 term.

**You can help by:**

Encouraging your child to spend time at home practising their times tables on TT Rockstars and revisiting and challenging themselves on topics we have been learning in class on My Maths or Top Marks.

Listening to your child read and share stories with them, as well as asking questions about the book. Encourage your child to make predictions about what might happen in a book using evidence from the text to justify their ideas.

Helping your child to complete their weekly homework. This homework is always based on current or upcoming learning.

Encouraging and supporting your child to practise their spellings set for them each week.