

Class 4 Curriculum Update

Thursday 8th May 2025

Monthly values – 'Humility' and 'Peace'

Please see our class website page for more learning guidance and photos.



'Law and Order'

I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break recently. It is a fairly short half-term at school before the break at the end of May but we have lots of activities and work to squeeze into a short period of time!

Our theme for this half term is entitled 'Law and Order' and involves us studying the notions of being in charge, making rules, voting and debating. We have already looked at the poem 'If I were King' by A.A. Milne, and the children all came up with various laws they would bring in if they could change anything! Please check out their poems in their Learning Journeys next time you are in school.

Next week is our overnight residential stay at Longtown. It promises to be an excellent time with lots of great activities lined up for an action-packed couple of days! It is understandable that there are some nerves and worries about going away for the night so please be in touch if there is any concerns I can help with.

We have also started practising for our performance at the Courtyard, which will be on Tuesday 20th May. We have another workshop with Mrs Potter this week as part of the 'Talk away don't walk away' project. The performance being put together is an opportunity for the children to demonstrate some of the skills and talents they feel proud about and makes them feel good about themselves. We hope you will like it and be pleased with they have come up with.

Times Tables

There has been lots of good progress with the children's times tables recall. The national multiplication check is fast approaching in June and we are working hard in class to practise daily. Your child should have their own flashcards to practise with at home and in school. Each child should have an envelope with multiplications they need to practise. As they become more confident with these, they should move into the collection of 'known' times tables.

I will be sending home more activities and games to play, in order to practise and develop your child's recall. Please ensure they bring their flashcards into school every day to practise with. Thank you.

If you would like to practise online then we are using this website at school:

<https://www.mathshed.com/en-us/mtc>

(google search 'mathshed mtc')

It is almost identical to the style and format that the national check will be. The national average score is usually around 20 out of 25 correct answers. In class, we just promote the idea of doing as well as they can and trying to beat their own high scores.

Please ask if you would like more details. Thank you for your continued support.



Maths

We will shortly be practising telling the time, which is a great unit to practise at home. There are various different ways of reading and saying the time out loud, which some children grasp easily, and some can find very difficult. We will be focusing on recognising and understanding digital times, whilst using this to help solve various problems. This interactive clock may help your child practise reading the time:

<https://www.visnos.com/demos/clock>



If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. I am at the gate after school every day, you can call the school office or send an email. Thank you from Mr Ford, Mr Batstone and the wider Year 4 team.