

# Class 4 Curriculum Update

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Monthly values – 'Trust' and 'Unity'

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



## Welcome to Year 4!

Good morning and a warm welcome to our year ahead in class 4! The class have all made a positive start to life in Year 4 and I am looking forward to getting to know the children through the many adventures and opportunities that lie ahead. It is nice to see again some families of children I have taught in the past but also equally good to meet some new families this year.

Our first theme is entitled "Cry Freedom!" and is all about slavery and how it has had different meanings throughout history, even up to the present day. We have started off by learning about the incredible story of Henry 'Box' Brown, who escaped his life as a slave by mailing himself to freedom in a wooden box. We have a box in our class that the children have all experienced getting inside, although it is not as small as the one Henry used. This is currently the inspiration for writing a biography of his life, as well as also learning about the life of Sojourner Truth, who was another slave that achieved her freedom. We hope to be able to share more of our learning with you at our family workshop on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

### Homework expectations:

Times tables: At the end of Year 4 there is a national times tables check for every pupil across the country. We will be learning times tables throughout the year but please reinforce this with practising at home, either on TTRockstars or by playing games with your child. More details will be given out throughout the year.

Spellingshed: Your child has a weekly list of spellings given to them to practise for that week. I usually send a paper copy home with them on a Monday. This is set as an 'assignment' on spellingshed. Again, please reinforce this learning with use of Spellingshed or practising together.

Reading:

Please encourage your child to have a regular routine of daily reading for pleasure. These can be recorded in their reading records and count towards their '40 reads' and being able to choose their own book to keep.

Thank you for all your support with these.



### Forest School, Squash and Music

Like last year, Forest School will be on alternate Tuesdays. To start this year, Year 4 are currently undertaking their Junior Foresters Award with Tim Kay from the Royal Forestry Society. He has an amazing expertise and knowledge on the wildlife and plants in the forest. By half term, the children should have completed their award and will get a badge and certificate.

The class have also started their Squash level 2 award. We have a small group session every Monday afternoon with Terry Prosser from Hereford Squash Club. At the end of the term, we will be going to the squash club to practise in the real squash courts.

We are also continuing weekly music sessions (on a Thursday) with Mrs Goddard from Encore Music. This year we will be learning the recorder and hope to play a concert for you towards the end of the year!

PE kits - Monday and Wednesday

Forest School clothes - Tuesday



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