

Year 4 newsletter Oct 2026

What a busy start we have had to the Autumn term!

The children are really working really hard at meeting the learning expectations of the year group and have stepped up to challenges we are providing in all lessons.

We have already realized what a musical bunch the children are and have seen real growth in their performance abilities in music already. They are really putting their all into learning Mama Mia and it is a real pleasure to hear them sing.

In Science our topic is 'States of matter' and we have been learning about what makes things solids, liquids and gases. See if your child can use scientific vocabulary to explain what happens to the particles in of these states. This week we have conducted an experiment around how temperature affects the rate at which chocolate melts.

The children have really shown their creative abilities in recent Art lessons where we have been creating tints and shades by mixing paints. We have used these skills to paint still life and create depth and shade. We have also looked at a range of painting techniques such as: pointillism, stippling, dabbing and washing. Again, we have been blown away with the artistic skills of many of the children.

Our current 'Talk for Reading' text is Voices in the Park. We have used the images and text to gain an understanding of character and how events can be perceived differently depending on different characters' perspective. See if the children can retell the story and explain how each character is behaving throughout the book.

In English we have already explored what sentences need to ensure our writing is grammatically correct. Challenge your child to explain this to you! We have also been developing our handwriting skills through daily practice and we are always looking at who is making great progress so they can be awarded our 'Handwriting Hero' in our Friday celebration assembly. Currently, we are part way through our 1st 'Talk for Writing' unit where we are exploring how writers can show action through their use of adverbials, verbs and adjectives. We have been learning our model text 'The Shadow Thief' and the children are getting good at remembering this and performing it with actions. See if your child can remember the 1st paragraph and perform this for you.

We have lots to look forward to as we move through the year and we look forward to inviting you into school for Parent's Evening very soon.