Curriculum Information for Parents
KS2 (Class 4) First half of Autumn Term 2026

Literacy – The Non-negotiables will be taught for Years 5 and 6 throughout Topic Time. Writing opportunities will be linked to the topics and the children will produce a variety of different outcomes such as poetry, information texts and leaflets, recounts and stories. Related punctuation and grammar will be taught alongside the writing activities.
Every child will have a reading book and a planner. Planners should be taken home and signed. Reading books and signed planners need to be in school every day, and will be checked every Tuesday. The children will also have the opportunity to read daily in class and have guided reading sessions.

Numeracy – The focus will be on place value and the four operations.

Home Learning - Daily spelling and reading practice. Additional homework will be set on the half termly homework grid. Homework grids need to be completed weekly and signed, and will be checked every Tuesday.

Week 1: Welcome
This week the children will settle into their new class, focusing on expectations, behaviour and teamwork.

Week 2: Trade and Economics
This Geography topic will give the children the opportunity to explore trade in the UK. They will learn about Fair Trade, imports, exports and the distribution of natural resources.

Week 3: Evolution and Inheritance
During this Biology topic, the children will explore the scientific concepts of evolution and inheritance. They will learn about how plants and animals have adapted to suit their environments and how human beings have evolved.

Week 4 and 5: Empire Windrush
During this History topic, the children will produce a personal project based on a famous Black British person, they will look at Windrush and how this impacted the UK. They will look at enquiry questions such as: What was life like for the Windrush arrivals? How did the Windrush Generation contribute to the economy and culture? How have the events of Windrush affected Britain today?

Week 6 and 7: Fantastic Beasts
This DT topic will give the children the opportunity to express their creative side. They will be using different materials and structures to create their own magnificent beasts using cams and mechanisms.

Week 8: Health and Wellbeing
During this PSHE topic, the children will learn about safety. They will find out about First Aid, keeping safe in the sun and water safety.

Computing
The children will be learning an introduction into vector drawing and learning to use 2D graphics.

RE
The children will take part in an RE lesson every Wednesday. This term the children will be exploring the idea of 'Why do Hindus want to be good?'

Physical Education
They will take part in 2 PE lessons each week, on Wednesday and Friday. On Wednesdays the children will be going swimming, and on Fridays they will be learning Aerobics. Please make sure that children have their swimming kit in school on Wednesdays and wear their outdoor PE kit in school on Fridays.