

Year 4 Newsletter 25.9.26

Dear Parents/Carers

Another busy week has flown by! On Thursday, we celebrated European Day of Languages as a whole school and the children spent the afternoon engaged in activities linked to languages and language learning. I have invited the children to take part in a whole school competition linked to European Day of Languages. A copy of the competition details is attached for your information.

This term's curriculum map (with more information about topics covered) can also be found on our website on the 'curriculum' tab, then 'curriculum overview'.

This Week

In History this week, we learned about Hadrian's Wall and what life would have been like for a Roman soldier living there. We also practised dribbling in hockey during Outdoor PE and worked on our fitness during Indoor PE.

Next Week

In Maths, we will be finishing the Place Value topic looking at rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000.

You could support at home by asking the children to explain the methods we use for rounding numbers.

In English, we will be looking at the non-chronological writing genre. The children will be working on writing skills to enable them to write a non-chronological report on Pompeii before the eruption.

You could support at home by talking about what they remember about life in Pompeii based on the book we have read, 'Escape from Pompeii'.

In PE, we shall be continuing our dance topic.

Our Whole Class reading lessons will be based on extracts from Floella Benjamin's book, 'Coming to England' to celebrate October's Black History Month.

Homework

Maths homework will be in homework books on Tuesday 29th September for completion by Monday 5th October.

Spelling words will also be given out on Tuesday 29th September for testing on Monday 5th October.

Please encourage your child to use Times Table Rockstars regularly to improve their fluency with multiplication.

Reading

Please ensure your child's Reading Record is signed by an adult. Children should be reading every evening for at least 15 minutes and, where possible, to an adult. All books can be changed during the class Library Session.

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Notices and Reminders

P.E. - Please make sure that all children have P.E. kits, including trainers, in school every day. If your child has a sports' club after school for which they need their PE kit, please ensure it comes back into school the next day.

Please ensure that your child has a pencil case in school with the necessary equipment, including a whiteboard pen and a glue stick.

Year 4 Trip to Verulamium, St Albans – Wednesday 21st October 2026

We have arranged a day trip to Verulamium Museum towards the end of this half term to link with our History topic on the Romans. You should have received an email with the details for the trip and how to pay. Many thanks.

Book Recommendation

This week, Mrs Mendez recommends 'One wish' by Michelle Harrison.



Upcoming dates (taken from the whole school newsletter)

Friday 9 th October	Year 5 Pedestrian Training
Week Beginning 12 th October	Pennies for the PTA House Competition
Tuesday 13th October	Parents Consultation Evening
Wednesday 14th October	Parents Consultation Evening
Wednesday 21 st October	Year 3 Stone Age Workshop
Wednesday 21 st October	Year 4 Trip to Verulamium, St Albans
Thursday 23 rd October	Yr 5 Harvest Festival assembly to school am
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(Half term - Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October)

Monday 2nd November	Training Day (no children)
Monday 3 rd November	Children return to school
Monday 3 rd November	Nasal Flu vaccinations
Friday 6 th November	Individual photographs
Tuesday 17 th – Friday 20 th Nov	Travelling Book Fair Days
Friday 19 th November	Art Frames Exhibition
Friday 13 th November	Children In Need Day
Monday 7 th December	Choir visit to Poplars Care Home
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Friday 11th December

Christmas lunch, Christmas Service and Christmas Jumper Day TBC

Monday 14th December

Autumn term report cards out to parents/carers

Monday 14th December

Year 3 Christmas performances dress rehearsal to the school

Tuesday 16th December

Year 3 Christmas Performance to parents/carers 9:30am

Wednesday 16th December

Year 3 Christmas Performance to parents/carers 5pm

Thursday 17th December

Christmas Parties

Friday 18th December

School term ends at 12:30pm

Reminders/deadlines/ key dates for next week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spelling test and homework due	Beech, Elm, Maple – PE Beech, Maple – Library		Beech, Elm, Maple - PE	Elm – Library Beech, Elm, Maple - PE

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Mendez, Miss Malone, Miss Cook

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European Day of Languages 2026 - LANGUAGES UNITE!

A Language/ Art Competition for Whiteheath Junior School

You are invited to create a piece of art that celebrates how languages bring people together.

Your artwork could show:

- * Children from different countries becoming friends
- * People communicating even when they speak different languages
- * A colourful collection of words from different European languages
- * How saying hello, friend, thank you or welcome can bring people together
- * A multilingual map of Europe
- * A creative representation of languages travelling across borders
- * An imaginary world where everyone speaks many languages

Every entry must include at least 3 different languages.

Choose your category

1. Art and illustration

Create a drawing, painting, collage or mixed-media artwork.

2. Words that unite

Create an artistic poster using words or short phrases in different European languages.

3. Story and illustration

Write a short story about children who use different languages to become friends, accompanied by an illustration.

4. 3D Languages Unite

Create a sculpture, model, paper craft or other 3D artwork.

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Entries will be judged on:

- Creativity & imagination
- Use of different languages
- How well it expresses “Languages Unite”
- Artistic presentation
- Originality

Prizes will be awarded to the winners and runners up in Lower School and Upper School

Please submit your entry to Mrs Mendez in Maple Classroom by Friday 24th October 2026.

GOOD LUCK!

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