# Year 4 Newsletter 16.10.26

Dear Parents/Carers

Another week has flown by and we hope the children have enjoyed their lessons this week. Thank you for coming along to the Parents' Consultation Evenings on Tuesday and Wednesday. It was good to meet you.

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

This week in Art, the children have been creating their self-portrait in the style of Vincent Van Gogh! In Spanish, we have been learning the days of the week and the months of the year.

## Next Week

In Maths, we will be finishing the Addition and Subtraction unit.

In English, we shall be writing an explanatory text linked to the book, 'Until I met Dudley' by Roger McGough.

We will be having a Roman themed day with linked creative activities on Wednesday 21st October. Children are welcome to come to school dressed as a Roman if they wish! Otherwise, they should come dressed in their usual school uniform.

## Homework

English homework will be in homework books on Tuesday 20th October for completion by Tuesday 3rd November (after the half term holiday).

Spelling words will also be given out on Tuesday 20th October for testing on Tuesday 3rd November.

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.

## Notices and Reminders

P.E. - Please make sure that all children have P.E. kits, including trainers, in school every day. Please could you ensure your child has a suitable tracksuit for outdoor PE after the half term as we continue to go outside in cold weather. 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.

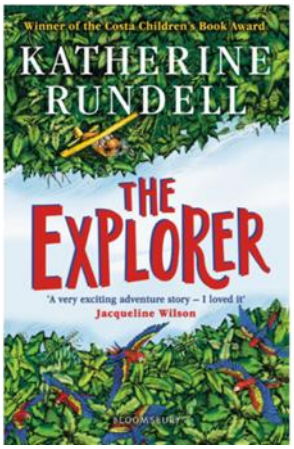
Please ensure that your child has a pencil case in school with the necessary equipment, including a whiteboard pen and a glue stick.

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**Book Recommendation**

This week, Mrs Mendez recommends 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell.

**Upcoming dates (taken from the whole school newsletter)**

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| Wednesday 21st October | Year 4 Roman Day |
| Friday 23rd October | Year 5 Harvest Festival assembly to school am |
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*(Half term - Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October)*

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| **Monday 2nd November** | **Training Day (no children)** |
| Monday 3rd November | Children return to school |
| Friday 6th November | Individual photographs |
| Tuesday 10th November | Year 3 Stone Age Day |
| Thursday 19th November | SportsHall Athletics Competition |
| Tuesday 17th – Friday 20th Nov | Travelling Book Fair Days |
| Thursday 19th November | Art Frames Exhibition |
| Monday 30th November | Year 6 Trip to the Science Museum |
| Friday 13th November | Children In Need Day |
| Wednesday 25th November | Virtual Author visit for Years 5 and 6 |
| Monday 7th December | Choir visit to Poplars Care Home |
| Thursday 10th December | Year 6 Height and Weight Check |
| Friday 11th December | Christmas lunch, Christmas Service and Christmas Jumper Day |
| 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 |

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We break up for October half term on Friday 23rd October. Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Mendez, Miss Malone, Miss Cook

| Reminders/deadlines/ key dates for week commencing 2nd November | | | | |
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| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| TRAINING DAY | Spelling test and homework due<br>Beech, Elm, Maple – PE<br>Beech, Maple – Library | | Beech, Elm, Maple - PE | Elm – Library<br>Beech, Elm, Maple - PE |

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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 illlustration

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 23rd October 2026.

GOOD LUCK!

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