

Brookland Junior School

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter – Spring Term 2026



'Kind, Respectful, Best'

Guided Reading

We will focus on the reading skills of inference, retrieval, explanation, vocabulary, prediction and sequencing across a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts.

Handwriting

The children are encouraged to write neatly in cursive and with joined handwriting where possible.

Writing

The children will be consolidating and extending their spelling and grammar knowledge, and will be writing for a range of purposes. Our writing will be based on the following texts during the Spring term:

- Real-life Mysteries
- Africa- Amazing Africa
- Leon and the Place Between
- Haikus



Maths

During this term, Year 4 will be covering a range of topics including:

- x7/x11/x12 times tables
- Factor pairs
- Multiplying and dividing by 10/100
- Formal multiplication
- Formal division
- Fractions
- Decimals

In June, the children will be completing their Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). Therefore, daily times table practice is essential to help support your child with this.

Science

During Spring 1, the children will be learning about 'States of Matter'. We will cover:

- Solids, liquids and gases
- Melting and freezing
- Condensation and evaporation
- The water cycle



Geography

Our first topic this term in geography will be 'Biomes'. The children will be looking at how people, animals and plants adapt to their biomes around the world.

History

In the second spring term, we will be studying history and our topic is, 'The Romans'. This will include focusing on the legacy that the Romans have had on life today.

RE

In Year 4, we begin by studying Hinduism in the first half-term. The children will learn about what Hindus believe about Gods and the religious practices that they follow. In the second half-term, we will be learning about Christianity and this will have a focus on beliefs and practices.

PSHE+C

Our PSHE and citizenship lessons will be focused on 'Dreams and Goals'. They will explore setting realistic goals and how they can be achieved. We will discuss perseverance when finding things difficult, as well as recognising their strengths as a learner.

Art

During our art lessons this term, we will be focusing on drawing. The children will learn about tone, texture and proportion, as well as composition and pattern in drawings. The children will combine this understanding to create their own piece of art.

Design and Technology (DT)

During DT this term, we will be looking at mechanical systems. The children will create a moving car.

Spanish

This term we will be learning Spanish words about the topic, 'Mi Presento', meaning my home. One lesson will include discussing how to greet each other and how to start a conversation.



Music

This term, the children will be focusing on using recorders to play pieces of music. They will learn about different notes and how to use them in a piece of music.

PE

Each week, we will have an indoor and outdoor PE lesson. We will be covering the following units in PE:

- Tennis
- Hockey
- Outdoor adventure
- Dance



Home Learning

Year 4 home learning will include spelling, reading and maths. Spelling will be based on the spelling patterns we have been learning in class each week. For reading, we advise reading for a minimum of 10 minutes daily, at least 3 times a week. We will also set times tables practise on TT Rockstars and maths homework in their maths CGP books. We will go through the answers with the children on Thursday mornings.

Reminders

PE lessons are on **Monday and Tuesdays** every week. Please ensure the correct PE uniform is worn into school for these days.

Reading books and reading records must be brought in **every day**.

All children's belongings, including items of clothing, are the children's responsibility, and should be **clearly named**.

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school every day.

Communication

If you have any queries or concerns about any aspects of the curriculum or your child's progress, please contact your child's class teacher on the class e-mail:

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In Spring 2, the children will be learning about sound and vibration.

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Year 4 Teaching Team
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