



Spring 2025 1st Half Term – Year 4

Happy New Year! We cannot believe the year 2025 is here. We hope you all had a lovely festive break and a happy start to the New Year!

We have lots of exciting new learning for the children to experience this term. We will be looking at all things Mayan this term, this will be spread across our Geography and History with connections being made in our English lessons. We are implementing extra spelling sessions this half term, where we are explicitly teaching the children strategies to use to help retain their spelling words. We are hoping this makes a real difference to the children's spelling in their creative writing and other writing pieces.

English

- ★ **Writing** – this term our class book is Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, which links to the Mayans who discovered cacao beans. In our English lessons, children will revisit subordinate conjunctions and use these to write in clauses within a character description. They will also learn how to write using fronted adverbials with the correct punctuation. Children will end the half term learning how to write persuasively to convince Willy Wonka to let them into his magical chocolate factory.
- ★ **Reading**- please continue to hear your child read at least four times a week. The first lot of reading badges were handed out at the end of last term.
- ★ **Spellings** – your child will continue to work through their spelling wall with additional topical vocabulary.

Maths

- ★ **Multiplication and division**
Year 4 children will start to look at multiplication and division of decimals by 10 and 100. They will practice converting units of measure of 10 and 100.
- ★ **1- minute maths**
We will be continuing the daily practice of times tables and number bonds to help boost the children's fluency. We are encouraging the children to record the time they have taken to answer the questions as well as their score to give them a measure of their success. Please use TTR at home as often as possible.



Foundation Subject focus areas

- ★ **Geography and History:**
The Mayans and Central America
- ★ **Computing:**
Collaboration
- ★ **RE:**
Christianity
- ★ **PE:**
Gymnastics
- ★ **PSHE:**
Bullying
- ★ **Art Week focus:**
Portrait
- ★ **Science:**
Animals including humans
- ★ **Music:**
Rock and Roll
- ★ **French:**
Numbers, calendars and birthdays

Foundation Subject *big* questions can be found on the school website.

Team Heathland reminders for this half term

PE days:

Monday and Tuesday – Bracken and Sundew

Monday and Wednesday – Heather

Many thanks for your support
Team Heathland