



# Year 4 Newsletter

## Summer 2, 2025

### Welcome back!

Welcome back to the final half term of the year! It is going to be packed with lots of amazing topics and events. We are going to make the last half term in Year 4 one to remember!

## Year 4 Curriculum

This half term, we will continue to deliver some exciting topics.

In **English**, we will be immersing ourselves into **Ancient Greece and The Greek Myths**. These texts are always enjoyed by the children, and they will become hooked into the magical world created by them. We will be writing in a variety of genres based on a range of myths throughout the half term.

In **Maths**, we will be diving into **shape, position and direction and statistics**. We will develop our mathematical skills in these areas linking our prior knowledge to new concepts.

In **Science**, we will be exploring **Scientific Investigations**. The children will look into variables, fair testing and recording results. The excitement created around physical experiments is always a highlight for the children. This unit will further develop their scientific vocabulary and reasoning.

In our **DT** lessons, we will be **sewing**. This topic is linked across the curriculum as we will be creating our own Greek arm bands. We will create our products based on a set design criteria, develop our sewing skills and evaluate our work.

In **Music**, the children continue to build on their **keyboard skills** and they are becoming increasingly more fluent. They are working on their dexterity and pace.

In **History**, we are looking at the highly anticipated topic of **Ancient Greece**. This topic has links with English and DT and we will delve into the Ancient Greek time period. We will identify the Gods

and Goddesses and explore why they were important to the Ancient Greeks. Additionally, we will look at how this time influenced the modern world and how life has changed over time.

In **Computing** this half term, children will be focusing on the units called **Animation and Effective searching**. The children will learn how to animate an object using different tools and code. They will create their own animation using stop motion software. Additionally, we are going to be building on their understanding of searching effectively and safely to find reliable information.

In **RE** this half term, we will be learning about **The Bible**. We will build on our understanding of Christianity and the importance of the Bible to them. We will explore different parts of the Bible including the old and new testament.

In **PSHE**, we will follow the unit entitled **Changing Me**. This topic builds on their understanding of changes within and outside of our control. We will be discussing puberty, menstruation and transitions in life.

## Reading

To encourage children to read regularly at home, we will continue using 'punch cards' at school. These are small cards that are 'punched' once when the children have read at least three times each week. These will be stamped on a Friday.

After 10 stamps, the children will receive a special treat to reward their amazing reading at home.

It would be great if you could ensure you read with your child as much as you can at home. By doing this it will **significantly** help their reading progress within school.

Thank you! 😊

## Master Readers



Master Readers has been extremely successful and we have seen a great improvement in the children's comprehension skills. Please continue to support with this by asking them a variety of questions at home.

**Thank you for your support!**

## How can you help?

Any topic related discussions or activities at home will support your child's progress. Here are a few pointers to get you started!

1. Read Greek Myths to your child (they can read to you too) and discuss your favourites.
2. Encourage children to create a treasure map around your home/garden using their knowledge of position and direction.
3. Encourage your child to create comics based on Greek Gods to keep their writing skills fresh.
4. If you know how to sew, get your children to join you. If you don't, teaching your child to tie knots would be fantastic.
5. Support your child to use search engines and how to effectively search on the internet.
6. Have a discussion about 'changes' with your child (puberty, transitions etc).

## Enrichment

Howe Park Local Walk – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June

We will be working scientifically in our local area this half term. This will enrich our science learning. We are looking forward to it!

## Physical Education

PE will continue to take place on the following days this half term:

	Fletcher Class (Miss Birmingham)	Wilson Class (Miss Major)	Larwood Class (Miss Bastiani)
1	Wednesday	Monday	Wednesday
2	Friday	Thursday	Friday

Mr Elkington and Mr Cooper will teach the children both PE sessions. Please ensure that your child arrives to school already dressed in their full kit, including black plimsols or trainers, on the above days. Also, in wet weather, please ensure that children have appropriate outdoor footwear.

# Library

Our library session is a well anticipated part of our week and the children enjoy this time to relax, read for pleasure and enjoy sharing books together.

Our Year 4 children have become well practiced in recommending books to others and love to share their enthusiasm for texts they have read.

They particularly love finding topic books related to our learning. Children who are 'free readers' are allowed to select 2 library books as these replace their banded reading book.

**Wilson:** Friday

**Fletcher:** Monday

**Larwood:** Thursday



# Value of the Month

June: Belonging



July: Reflection



# Homework

We love the enthusiasm and effort put into the Homework.  
We are continuing to place them on display in the classroom.

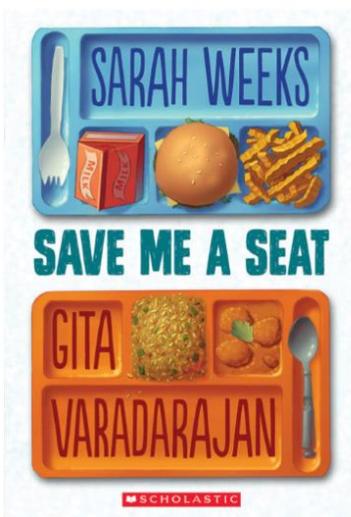
Homework will be set on a Friday afternoon and needs to be returned the following Friday. This will be set on MyMaths and on Google Classroom. Alongside this, it is the expectation that children practise their times tables each week using TTRS or Purple Mash.

At Priory Rise, we consider Homework to be extremely important as a means of continuing and developing the learning that takes place in the classroom. We welcome the support that parents provide in assisting their children with homework at home and encouraging the children to complete their tasks to the best of their ability and to the highest of standards.

Thank you for your support with this!

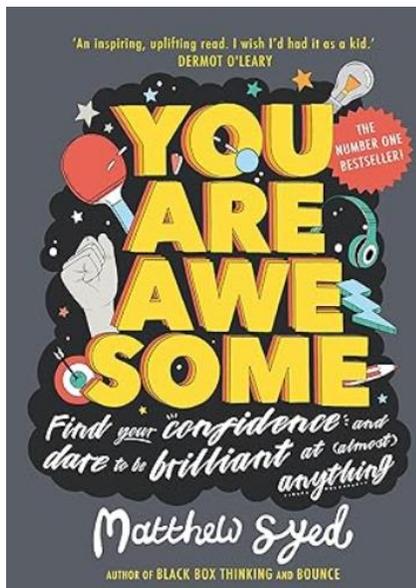


# Book Recommendations



## Save me a seat - Gita Varadarajan, Sarah Weeks

Save me a seat is a captivating read about two unlikely friends who find common ground in standing up against the class bully. Shedding light on the challenges of fitting in, this title explores how Joe and Ravi support each other in finding who they are and where they belong.



## You are awesome – Matthew Syed

This positive and empowering guide, by bestselling mindset author Matthew Syed, will help boys and girls build resilience, fulfil their potential and become successful, happy, awesome adults.

If you believe you *can't* do something, the chances are you won't try. But what if you really *could* get better at maths, or sport or exams? In fact, what if you could excel at anything you put your mind to? *You Are Awesome* can help you do just that, inspiring and empowering young readers to find the confidence to realise their potential. It uses examples of successful people from Mozart to Serena Williams to demonstrate that success really is earned rather than given, and that talent can be acquired. With hard work and determination, practice and self-belief, and, most importantly, a Growth Mindset, there's no reason why anyone can't achieve anything. Practical, insightful and positive, this is the book to help children build resilience, embrace their mistakes and grow into successful, happy adults.

## Dates for your diary

- 12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> June: Father's day breakfast
- 20<sup>th</sup> June: Howe Park Local Walk
  - 23<sup>th</sup> June: Greek Day
- 30<sup>th</sup> June: Year 4 Sports Day
- 1<sup>st</sup> July - Year 4 Showcase
  - 4<sup>th</sup> July: P-Fest
  - 16<sup>th</sup> July: Open Evening
- 22<sup>th</sup> July: Last day of the school year!

# Staff in Year 4

## Teachers:

Miss Major- Year 4 Leader & Wilson Class Teacher

Mrs Birmingham - Fletcher Class Teacher

Mr Green - Larwood Class Teacher

## Teaching Assistants:

Mrs Knowles, Mrs Pargeter & Mrs Russell-Carter

# Thank you!

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter, we hope you have found it useful. If you have any queries, please remember you can email us at:

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