



22nd April 2026

YEAR 4 SUMMER TERM CLASS LETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a warm welcome back to school. We hope you all enjoyed a rest over the holidays. This letter briefly explains what you can expect your child to be learning this term.

Curriculum

In **Literacy**, we will be starting a unit of learning, writing two travel leaflets: one local and one imaginative. The children will focus on the power of three, precise vocabulary, expanded noun phrases, rhetorical questions, prepositional phrases and alliteration.

In **Maths**, children will begin by learning the method for formal multiplication and division, then moving on to telling the time with increasing accuracy. The children will then extend their understanding of 2D shapes by exploring a variety of angles and the properties of different triangles.

Our **Science** this term starts with us looking at the unit of living things and their habitats. The children will review what makes a living thing and identify which living things can be found in our local environment. The children will then start to group living things and use food chains to illustrate the transfer of energy we see in nature.

In **Geography**, the children will be looking at earthquakes. The children will investigate why some earthquakes cause more damage than others. We will study the terms epicentre, plate boundaries, devastation, tectonic and magnitude. The focus will be on New Zealand, Christchurch's earthquake on 22nd February 2011. In **History** we will switch to the history topic: The Ancient Greeks.

Through **Computing** lessons, Year 4 will have the opportunity to explore the skills needed for effective searching as well as a review of online safety.

RE will focus on developing an understanding of justice and fairness, human responsibility and values, and sources of wisdom across a variety of religions. Children will discuss the themes of identity and belonging and begin to compare religious practices.

PE this term will continue on a Wednesday afternoon for Kingfishers and Seals. Please ensure your child wears their PE kit to school on these days, long hair must be tied back and no jewellery should be worn. Earrings must either be removed or taped. They must be equipped with appropriate clothing and footwear as we will be going outside even if it is wet. We will also be resuming swimming lessons from the week commencing 20th April. Please ensure your child has their swimming costume, towel, hat and goggles for these sessions.

Music will continue to be taught by Miss Hayden on a Friday afternoon. We will start the term with a link to our summer term history theme of Ancient Greece, with a unit of work called 'Heroes of Troy.' The children will learn a series of songs about Ancient Greece, exploring concepts such as chromatic scales, rapping, melodic patterns.

In **French**, the children will be looking at French phonics and learning to describe the weather. The children will also be reading texts in French to support their new acquisition.

Year 4 will be receiving class support every morning by Mrs Hornsby and Mrs Swainston.

Home Learning

Home Learning will be set via Google Classroom starting on Friday 17th April. Children will be set weekly spellings which will be quizzed the following Friday and a small reading and maths task.

Times-tables

The children will be completing a National Multiplication Times Table Check within the first 2 weeks of June. They will do this in small groups. Please see the link below which is a parent guide to the assessment.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents>

In Year 4, children are expected to know the tables up to twelve. A sound knowledge of times tables promotes good progress in maths, particularly mental arithmetic. Please ensure that they use the available resources (Doodle Tables and TT Rock Stars) at home (5 minutes at least three times per week is ideal). They can also use other free websites and apps such as Hit the Button. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

General Notices

If you have any queries concerning your child, please feel free to email us at kingfisher@stpeters.herts.sch.uk or seals@stpeters.herts.sch.uk and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

If your child is going home with another adult at the end of the school day please email us at the address above or let the office know either by phone or using mychildtoday@stpeters.herts.sch.uk.

We are looking forward to this summer term and cannot wait for what the term brings.

Kind regards,

Ms Feind & Ms Kingswood