



21st January 2026

YEAR 4 SPRING TERM CLASS LETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a warm welcome back to school. We hope you have all enjoyed a restful, well-deserved break over the festive period.

In **Literacy**, we are starting with the narrative 'Starbird', focusing on fronted adverbials and character descriptions. The final writing outcome will be an animal adventure. This will be followed by real-life mysteries, exploring Bigfoot, UFOs and the Kraken and finalising our unit with a newspaper report. We will be focussing on sequencing events chronologically using fronted adverbials, punctuating these correctly; writing a conclusion using present perfect and continuing to extend our sentences with subordinating conjunctions.

In **Maths**, children will continue with converting measurement units of length, mass, capacity and time. They will then revisit their knowledge of properties of lines and transferring this to classifying quadrilaterals using terms such as parallel, perpendicular and symmetry. The children will then review their understanding of decimals and relate this to money.

Our **Science** this term starts with a unit on sound. The children will explore how the pitch of sound can be changed and how sound travels. The spring term will conclude with a unit of work based around electricity.

In **Geography**, the children will study North America: they will revisit their map skills travelling through Magic Kingdom, research different states, think critically about the protection of sea turtles and learn how to stay safe during a hurricane. During our second topic 'Sustainability': they will interpret data from pie charts to identify the changes the UK has made to adopt more sustainable processes for generating electricity.

Through **Computing** lessons, Year 4 will start the term with a review of the importance of online safety. We will continue with our coding unit 'Logo'. We will then continue with the unit Sound Stories: Children will explore the features of effective audio books and work as a team to script, record and edit their own sound story.

RE will focus on developing an understanding of prayer, worship and reflection across a variety of religions. Children will discuss the themes of identity and belonging and begin to compare religious practices.

PE The children will continue their swimming lessons at Westminster Lodge on Monday (Kingfishers) and Thursday (Seals) afternoons. During our additional PE lesson, we will be focussing on Dance.

Music will continue to be taught by Miss Hayden. We will start the term by continuing Strings and Things with the children's chosen instrument. The children will continue to develop understanding of formal notation and have opportunities for composition activities as well as performances as an ensemble. There will also be opportunities for the children to learn the

songs for their production. The Year 4 Production will be on Thursday 26th March – more details to follow.

In **French**, the children will be developing their confidence with the language to talk about their family and well as looking at culture in France.

Homework

Home Learning will be set via Google Classroom starting on Friday 9th January. Children will be set weekly spellings which will be quizzed the following Friday and a small reading and maths task.

Reading records are checked weekly and children should be recording their reading at home three times per week.

Times tables. 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. We will have designated time in class for the children to use Times Table Rock Stars but it is vital that they use this resource at home too (5 minutes at least three times per week is ideal). They can also use other free websites and apps such as Hit the Button.

Communication

Parent Consultation evening – Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th March – 4-7pm

We will be sending more information regarding booking an appointment closer to the date.

We recommend that you regularly check the school calendar on the school website for any other events that may occur throughout the term. We will also use the Google Classroom to send updates.

We also regularly update our class pages on the website with information about our learning. If you have any queries concerning your child please feel free to email us at Kingfisher@stpeters.herts.sch.uk / Seals@stpeters.herts.sch.uk and we will endeavour to reply to you as soon as possible, but please be aware that we will not be able to respond to emails during teaching hours. For any urgent communication, please contact the school office. Please also contact the office about absences and/or different people collecting your child. You can use the email: mychildtoday@stpeters.herts.sch.uk

We are looking forward to another exciting term and cannot wait for what the term brings.
Kind regards,

Ms Feind & Ms Kingswood