

Learning in Year 4 this term

In **English** we will be writing and sharing persuasive speeches inspired by the book *The King Who Banned the Dark* by Emily Haworth-Booth. We will be writing and videoing book reviews and then starting a new unit using the book *Biscuit Bear* by Mini Grey.

In **maths**, we will be learning about area followed by a big unit on multiplication and division. Good times table knowledge is extremely helpful here, so please practise at home.

In **science**, we'll be learning about solids, liquids and gases (including the water cycle), and we'll be doing lots of interesting experiments.

In **geography**, we will be learning about climate zones and biomes.

In **history**, after half term, we will be learning about Ancient Egypt!

In **art**, we will be learning about Claude Monet and creating our own art inspired by his work.



Reading

Reading remains as important as ever. It improves a child's writing, spoken language and, obviously, reading ability. Please ensure that **reading folders/bags** (including reading records) are brought into school each day. The **reading raffle** will continue with a monthly prize draw. Please note: you only need to record on the reading cards once a book is finished.

Housekeeping...

It would be greatly appreciated if **all items of clothing** were **named** in permanent pen or labelled (including Forest School clothes!). Unnamed items normally have a one-way trip to lost property.

RE

We will be doing work on the parable of the Good Samaritan and then the Easter story (with a particular focus on Judas' betrayal). We will even perform and record our own version of the Easter story.



Forest School

Year 4 Forest School takes place **every Friday afternoon**. As we have PE in the mornings, they might need to bring clothes to change into (e.g. a long-sleeved top). We provide waterproof trousers and jackets where necessary, but children are welcome to bring in their own. Please ensure that you have named Wellington boots (which can be kept in school).

Music

The children enjoy music lessons with Mrs Watkins on **Monday** mornings. It would be helpful if children had their own recorders. These can be kept in school.



French

Parlez-vous français? Weekly French lessons continue on Tuesdays.



D&T

We will be designing and making working night lights this term.



PE

We have PE every **Tuesday** and **Friday** so please send your children into school in their PE kits on those days. Depending on the weather, this should include:

- PE T-shirt
- Jumper
- Shorts or jogging bottoms
- Trainers
- A jacket for cold/wet weather



No earrings on PE days please!

Spelling tests will take place on **Fridays**, with new spellings handed out afterwards. Completed spelling sheets should be returned to school the following Friday.

Homework tasks will be posted on the [Year 4 class page](#) on the school website.

We have lots of **times tables** (and division facts) to learn by the end of the year: 10, 5, 2, 3, 4, 8, 11, 6, 9, 7 and 12 times tables (AKA all of them). Weekly tests are on **Thursdays** and your help practising at home will be invaluable.

In June 2024, Year 4 will complete the online “multiplication tables check”. Click [here](#) for further information. It takes just 5 minutes, but children only get 6 seconds to answer each question, so they need to know their times tables really well!

Reading at Home Plea...

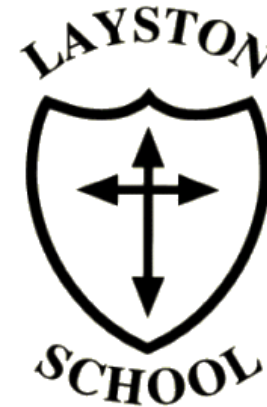
Regular reading at home is extremely important. Research from all over the world shows that **children that read widely and often do better at school than children that don't.** Incredibly, reading is the single most important factor in determining a child's future (economic, employment and well-being).

Ideally, **every child** should **read with an adult once a day** (little and often is best so ten to fifteen minutes a day). It makes a huge difference by the end of the year. As time is often in short supply, why not get the extended family to help out? I would be grateful if you could log any reading in their reading records. I'm not worried about the format; a page number and signature would be fine. Many thanks.

Mrs Scarrott will be teaching the class on Fridays. We will be working together to ensure that your child has an enjoyable and successful year with us.

Should you have any concerns at all, please get in touch and we can arrange a meeting.

Many thanks in advance for your support.



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Learning To Love,
For Every Child
A Chance To Shine**