

# YEAR 4 SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2024

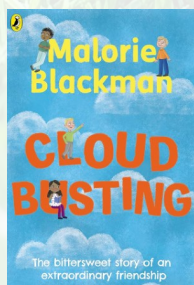
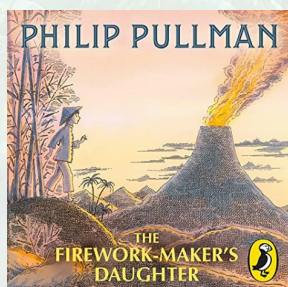


## ‘I Am Who I Am’

I hope you have had a wonderful Easter! The children have one more term in Year 4, full of opportunities for growth and learning. After a really positive Spring term, we are so excited for the experiences and achievements we will see in the Summer term. The theme of the year, ‘**I Am Who I Am**’, continues to thread its way through our day to day lives in school. By now, all children in Year 4 have had the opportunity to share their ‘I am’ backpack, which has helped strengthen our class community and deepen our understanding of each other.

In **RE**, the children’s next topic is ‘**New Life**’, which explores how The new life of the Easter message is spread through the power of the Holy Spirit. We will be asking ourselves how can good news change the way you feel? And how can good news bring new life? The other topics this term include ‘**Building Bridges**’ and ‘**God’s People**’. We will also be learning about **Islam**! RHE will see children exploring their individual relationship with the wider world.

Our first **English** focus text is ‘**The Firework Maker’s Daughter**’ by Phillip Pullman. The children will be writing setting descriptions and short stories inspired by this tale. We continue to expand our vocabulary and navigate language through **spellings** and **whole class reading**. Our next text after half term will be ‘**Cloudbusting**’ by Malorie Blackman, with a focus on poetry.



## TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

**Maths** will continue to focus on **Fractions and Decimals**, followed by **money, time, shape, statistics** and **position and direction**. With **multiplications checks coming up in June**, we will have extra focus on practice in school, in **IT** and extra lunchtime times tables clubs. **Support at home** through engagement with online resources such as **Times Tables Rock Stars** is going to be so beneficial for this, too, and so **thank you** in advance for supporting your child in this this way!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Ascension Mass at Church	9 May
Year 3/4 Class Mass TBC	TBC
INSET	24 May
Half Term	27-31 May
MULTIPLICATION CHECKS	3-14 June
First Holy Communion Liturgy	TBC
Class Photos	6 June
Open Afternoon	26 June
St Peter and Paul Mass at Church	29 June
INSET	5 July
Family Picnic	11 July
End of Year Mass	25 July
Last Day of Term	Fri 26 July

Our **topic** title this term is '**Dream It, Believe It, Build It**'. In geography, we will investigate **climate zones** and think about the effects of climate change. In history, we will be learning all about the **Ancient Egyptians**, exploring their beliefs and why the pyramids were built.

In **Science**, we will be learning all about **sound** and **Living Things and their Habitats**. In **Computing** and **DT**, the children will be designing Lego sphinx creations using computer software. In **Art**, we will be exploring Picasso, and taking inspiration from his work to create our own clay sculptures!

In **PE**, the children have brilliant opportunities this term for varied and beneficial learning. Year 4 will have lessons in striking and fielding, as well as the excitement of Sports Day and a trip to The Beckett school for a sports carousel event, led by a team of their students.

In **French** lessons, children will be exploring the units 'All around the Town' and 'On the Move'.

**Music** will see us continue to develop performance skills using our 'toots' and develop an understanding of and appreciation for music and its history. Choral music singing is continuing, and hymn practices shall continue ahead of whole school Masses.

Thank you for all your support so far. I am looking forward to a fantastic term,  
Kind regards,

*Mr. Penna*

### How you can help:

You can check homework reminders, which are shared in children's diaries on a weekly basis. Homework will aim to consolidate learning in class and also provide opportunities for project work with a view to display and celebrate creations throughout the year!

The children have logins for **Times Tables Rock Stars** and NumBots and can use Mathletics alongside this to practise their times tables. Encouraging regular use of these will help your children master recall of their times tables facts up to 12x12. **Logins are glued into homework diaries.**

Support your children in ensuring they are engaging in their expected **daily home reading** during the week, and ask them questions about what they are reading. Reading should be **signed by an adult every evening or morning throughout the week** (depending on when your child reads). Please write a note in your child's diary if there is a reason this has not happened. Sign diaries every week.

Correct PE kits are needed in school **every day**. Children can take their kits home on a weekend for washing, to be brought back in on Mondays.

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Check the class page on the **school website** for updates and blog posts