

# Year 4 News

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## What a busy week!

This week we have been exploring the significance of Holy Week for Christians, discovering how our ears work in science, cooking a seasonal vegetable soup (4K will do this next week), acting out scenes using play scripts we have written, reactivated our knowledge of fractions, followed a nature treasure trail and much, much more!

Thank you for your continued support.  
Mrs Walker, Mrs Skinner, Mrs Keilty  
and Mrs Doyle

## Word of the Day

Each day in class we focus on one 'Word of the Day'. These words are chosen in order to support children developing a wider vocabulary, help them access a text being used in reading lessons and encourage adventurous word choice when writing.

Next week, year 4 will be focusing on the following words:

**Shovelling response frowned inwardly groaned**

Perhaps your child will use some of these in conversations at home!

## HOME LEARNING

**Reading** – Children should aim to read at home for 15-20mins daily. This may be reading to an adult or independent reading. Please record reading in the green reading record.

**Spellings** – Each week, words chosen from the year 3/4 spelling list will be given as words to learn. **This week's words are: important, increase and island**

**Maths** – Activities will be set on MyMaths each week to follow up in-class learning or revisit key skills. Children should spend no more than 30mins per week on these tasks. **This week, there are three activities which will help the children practise 6x, 7x and 8x tables.**

**Times tables** – Times tables are key to so many areas of maths so we would like children to try to spend a little bit of time practising regularly - every day if possible! This could be 5mins on TTrackstars, quickfire questions, games such as tables bingo, or any other way you can think of to practise! Children can log on at <https://play.ttrackstars.com>

**Times Table of the week this week is: 8x**

**Optional Extras** – Sometimes children are keen to do something extra linked to their learning. We will give ideas but there is no requirement to complete these tasks. Our mini history theme this half term focuses on significant events in the history of France. In school, we will be learning about the Storming of the Bastille and finding out why this event is remembered every year in France to this day. Children might like to research other special days linked to historical events for different countries around the world. For example, USA – Independence Day, England – Bonfire Night, Australia and New Zealand – Anzac Day.

## Times Tables Check - June

In June, all year 4 children across the country will be taking part in a Multiplication Tables Check. More details can be found using the link below. The **SOUNDCHECK** section of TTrackstars is a very similar format to the actual times tables check.

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