



Southam St James CE Academy

Year 4

Spring Term 2025

Date: January 2025

Class: 4

Class teachers:

Mr. Was (supply for Spring 1)

Mr. Dent (from Spring 2)

Teaching assistants:

Mrs Reeves

Things to remember:

Pencil Cases -

Please see stationery list in homework books. **The stationery shop is on every Thursday break time in Y4.**

PE - Monday & Thursday

Please send children to school wearing their PE kit suitable for the weather on these days.

Reading books -

Children can bring reading for pleasure books in from home. Please encourage your child to read their school reading book x3 a week to be entered into the half-termly raffle.

Home Learning -

Home Learning Books and Reading Records/books to be in school **by Thursday** to be updated with spelling/times table scores.

Water Bottles -

Should be sent in every day with water only. Water can be refilled using the classroom tap at break and lunch time.

What a busy and fun term we are going to have! If you have any questions, please feel free to send an email, or drop a message on Class Dojo.

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ENGLISH

This term, we will be using our key texts, *Arthur and the Golden Rope* by Joe Todd Stanton, and *The Lost Happy Endings* by Carol Ann Duffy to support our work in English lessons, where we will be focusing on:

- Myth Narrative
- Information Guide
- Twisted Narrative
- Persuasive Letter

Within this, our grammar focus will include:

- Noun phrases, fronted adverbials and prepositions
- Pronouns
- Inverted commas and commas
- Plural -s and possessive -s

In Reading lessons, we will be using *Odd and the Frost Giants* by Neil Gaiman and *How to train your dragon* by Cressida Cowell. In these sessions we will focus on reading and comprehension skills.

You can help your child by:

- Reading with your child for 10-15 minutes at least three times a week.
- Encouraging your child to read for pleasure.
- Learning spellings when they are sent home.

Topics

History lessons will see us finding out all about the Anglo-Saxons and Scots.

After half term, we will explore Eastern Europe in Geography.

In Science your child will begin the term by learning all about Ecology and living things. After half term, the children will be learning about Sound.

Computing this term will begin with a unit on programming using Scratch. After half term, the children will complete a unit on spreadsheets.

In RE, the children will look at the Holy Trinity in Christianity and then explore the concept of God after half term.

In Art, children will explore the concept of Design and then move on to look at the monuments in Ancient Rome.

MATHS

This term, we will be concentrating on:

- Multiplication and Division
- Length and Perimeter
- Fractions
- Decimals

We will begin the term by learning more about multiplication and division skills before focussing on geometry skills. After half term, there will be a big chunk of learning on fractions before beginning work on decimals which will carry on into the Summer term.

On Wednesdays, we will have a times tables test. We are aiming to work our way through all the times tables to expose the children before the Multiplication check in the Summer term.

You can help your child by:

- Encouraging regular times tables practise using Times Tables Rock Stars.
- Encouraging your child to use maths in everyday life.
- Asking your child how they found an answer, or to explain how they know an answer to be correct/incorrect.



WELCOME BACK!

We are very much looking forward to an exciting term, full of learning and opportunities. Over the coming term, we will be working hard to help all children settle back into class routines, and to understand the expectations were set at the start of Year 4.

Details regarding home learning will be communicated shortly in your child's home learning book or on Dojo. It is your child's responsibility to ensure they have all their equipment on the required days, and we appreciate your support with this.

Many thanks,
the Year 4 team

