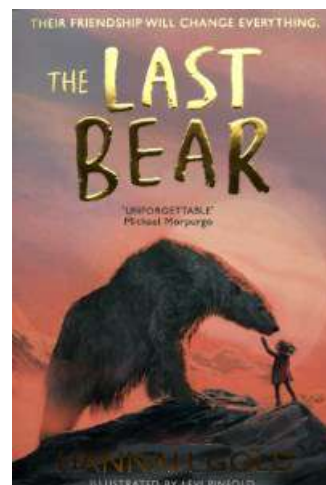


# Year Four Newsletter

## Spring 1 2025

Happy New Year! The children worked so hard last term and we are very proud of them. We are sure that they have had a good rest and are ready for this exciting half term!

We are starting 2025 by learning about rivers in our geography lessons and electricity in our science lessons. We will be reading a lovely story, *The Last Bear*, about a polar bear in the Arctic and this will be used as a stimulus in some of our writing lessons. As always, we will be using our lovely outdoor spaces to enhance the children's learning including looking after the animals, making dens and inventing games inspired by traditional playground games.



If you have any questions or concerns, please come and talk to us.

### What we will be learning about:

- How electricity works and what makes a circuit in science.
- Dreams and goals in PSHE.
- Factors, multiplying and dividing by 10/100/1000 and calculating the perimeter of shapes.
- Rivers, how they flood and how to look after them.
- Online bullying.
- How to play cricket.

### You can help by:

- Listening to your child read regularly and logging comments in their yellow reading record. Reading books to your children will also help them to improve their reading.
- Supporting your child with their weekly maths and spellings homework.
- Encouraging your child to practise the times tables facts and use some screen time to access TTRS.

### What we will be doing:

- Making a whole-class river and using it to understand how rivers are formed.
- Writing character and setting descriptions inspired by our class novel and other texts
- Using equipment to make bulbs, buzzers and motors work as well as making our switches.
- Using a screen turtle in computing lessons to draw repeating shape patterns.
- Making wire and mod-roc sculptures.
- Talking about our family in French.

### Things to remember:

- Bookbags should be brought into school **every Thursday**.
- Children receive homework every Friday and it is checked the following Thursday.
- Children should be reading at home for 20 minutes at least 3x per week.
- **Class 4SM: Swimming is on Wednesdays.**
- **Class 4RM: Swimming is on Mondays.**
- **PE for both classes is on Fridays.**

Please send your child to school in their PE kit on PE days and their swim bag on swimming days.