

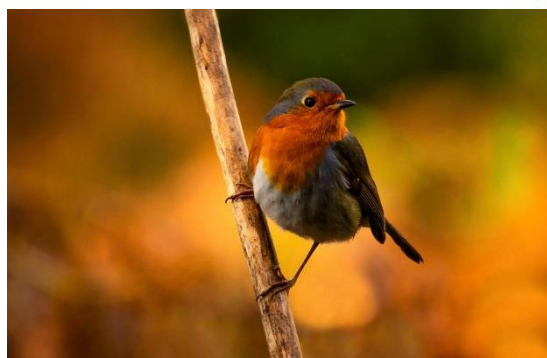
Year 4 Robins NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

We're delighted to welcome the children back after the summer break.

The children have settled well and are already coping with their new Year 4 challenges. They have returned with huge energy and enthusiasm, and are fully engaged with the school's behaviours for learning. They are really looking forward to all the responsibility that being in Year 4 brings. We have a busy term this year. Below is a taste of what's to come.



English – Writing to inform, entertain and persuade.

Fiction - The Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore and Varjak Paw.

Factual - The Street Beneath My Feet.

Poetry – Brian Patten.

Maths – Place Value, Addition, Subtraction , Multiplication, Division, Length and Perimeter.

**Music – Ukulele & Glockenspiel.
Artist Focus for Glockenspiels: ABBA.**

Geography - Locational and Place knowledge. Understanding the West Midlands and the Aegean Sea

History - Ancient Greeks.

Science - Animals including Humans and Sound.

Art – Inspirations by Pablo Picasso.

D&T – Food Technology - Cooking Greek-inspired flatbreads

**P.E (Tuesdays and Fridays) -
Rounders, Hockey,
Dance and Gymnastics.**

Computing – Technology in our lives and Programming.

PSHE – Being me in my world and celebrating differences.

RE – Hinduism and Christianity.

French – Culture and conversational language.

Behaviours for learning – Pride and Active Listening.

I know lots of you do a lot of extra-curricular activities outside from school. Whether it be football or learning Arabic, I love to know! Do keep me updated on all your extra learning by writing about it in your reading record!

As a parent myself, I understand that there are often important things you may wish to share with me. You're always welcome to write any relevant information about your child in their reading record. For anything sensitive, please feel free to arrange an appointment or contact us by e-mailing teacher@bellsfrm.bham.sch.uk

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Homework

As per our Homework Policy, children in Year 4 will be expected to spend 1 ½ hours a week on homework activities. Over the year, these will include:

- Reading 3x a week with another person and at least 2x a week reading independently.
- Spellings using Spelling Shed.
- Learning Times Tables on Times Table Rockstars
- Handwriting practice
- Reading comprehension activities
- Grammar and punctuation activities
- Planning presentations
- Researching topics
- Learning number facts and number bonds
- Practising calculation strategies learned in class

Supporting your child at home with reading, spelling, and times tables practice plays a vital role in helping them make progress. It is wonderful to see the improvements that can be made and, with your support, all children will be able to consolidate these essential skills.

Homework will be handed out upon request on either Thursday or Friday. Online homework will be available through my login. Paper homework is due back on the following Wednesday. Please encourage the children to complete their homework every week. This year will be a very busy one. They will be expected to work hard and stay focussed and your support in encouraging them to do this, would be very much appreciated.

REMINDERS

Water bottles are to be sent in everyday and can also be taken home daily.

We have a Maths Workshop scheduled for **Tuesday 10th November** 9:10am – 10:00am. The workshop will include information about the Year 4 statutory multiplication times table test.

We're looking forward to a fantastic term ahead. Thank you for your continued support! As usual we will update the Year 4 blog often so don't forget to visit it regularly and leave a comment! <http://year4.bellsfarm.org>

Mr Lo and Ms Knapman

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