



# YEAR 4 Spring 1, 2026

## Mrs Emmerson & Mrs Stewart



### Welcome back!

Happy New Year! We hope you had a lovely Christmas break, enjoyed the festivities with your families and had a well-earned rest! We will be starting the term as we mean to go on, working hard and learning lots! We have our multiplication check in the Summer term so we want the children to feel confident ahead of that, so we will be doing lots of work on times tables! We will be starting our Fixing Fluency reading course, which we hope the children will enjoy! Next half-term also brings our children's first residential trip to Nell Bank in Ilkley. We are so excited for this and will share more information at our parent's information evening on Tuesday 20th January.



### Reminders

**This half term PE is on TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY.** Your child needs to come in their PE kit that day. We will try and do PE outside as much as possible so please send your child in appropriate clothing.

If children are bringing their own packed lunches to school, please can we remind you that we are a nut free school.

**Homework:** sent home every **FRIDAY**  
to be returned the following **FRIDAY**.

**Reading books:** sent home every other **THURSDAY**  
and to be returned every other **THURSDAY**.

### Curriculum Focus

**English:** This half term, we will be studying the book "The Guardians of the Wild Unicorns" by Lindsay Littleson to inspire our learning. We will be building up to writing our own narrative extract from an adventure story. We will be recapping some of the features of direct speech, using subordinating conjunctions and practicing the author technique of showing not telling when describing character's feelings and reactions.

**Maths:** In maths we will be working on units of measurement, including area and perimeter. We will then be moving onto fractions. We will be working on recognising and representing families of common equivalent fractions and adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator.

**DT:** Electrical Systems: Torches

**History:** How hard was it to invade and settle in Britain?

**MFL:** French numbers, calendars and birthdays

**Music:** Hanami Festival: Haiku performance

**PE:** Gymnastics/Dance

**PSHCE:** How can we manage our feelings?

**RE:** What faiths and beliefs can be found in our community?

**Science:** Electricity: Does electricity still travel when there is a broken link in a circuit?

### Key Dates

**Return to school:** Monday 5th January

**Safeguarding Day** - Monday 5th January

**Ambitious Week** - W/C 9th January

**Nell Bank information evening:** Tuesday 20th January

**Safer Internet Day** - Tuesday 10th February

**Break up for half term:** Friday 13th February

