



Flax Hill Junior Academy

Year 4 Newsletter – Summer 1, 2026

Mrs Pagan and Mr Plume



This half term we are learning:

English: In sentence stacking this half-term we will be writing newspaper reports about a mysterious creature and using The Whale by Ethan and Vita Murrow to inspire some narrative writing.

Maths: We will focus on times tables in preparation for the Year 4 check and work on decimals, measure, area, perimeter and time.

Science: Our topic for Summer 1 will be animals including humans.

Geography: Our geographical work will be based around the water cycle.

DT: The children will be making cookies in our food topic.

Music: In music we will look at exploring chords.

French: In French, we will be learning how to use vocabulary related to clothes.

PSHE: In PSHE, we will look at relationships that are important to us.

PE: In PE we will focus on dodgeball.

RE: We are learning about the importance Buddhist festivals.

Computing: We will be learning about coding.

Art: Printing will be our focus in our topic, Fruit Prints.

Message from the teachers:

What a fantastic Spring term we had in Year 4. The children enjoyed making models, designing their own settlements and making circuits.

As we look ahead to the Year 4 times tables check, we will be focusing on quick recall of multiplication and division facts. It is great to see the progress that so many of the children are making on their TTRS heat maps. Keep it up, Year 4! Parents, you can monitor their progress through their heat maps on TTRS.

We are really looking forward to our trip to Cosford which will lead on from our work on World War Two in the Spring Term

Hopefully, we will be enjoying better weather in the coming term. Please bear in mind that the children have three break times per day outside and will also be having their PE lessons outdoors. It would be very helpful if you could ensure that your child has a drink, a hat and are wearing sun-cream.

Suggested Home Learning Activities

Homework is set each week on a Friday and it is lovely to see how many children are engaging. Thank you for your support at home with this.

As always, we recommend that your child reads for 15 minutes each night and practises their times tables as regularly as possible.