

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter Spring 2026

History and Mystery of Brownsea



English:

The children will be trying their hand at two different text types based on the history and mystery of Brownsea Island. They will write their own journey story and create concrete poems using Brownsea Island as their inspiration.

Maths:

The children will begin learning about multiplication and division before moving on to developing their understanding of area. There will continue to be a big push on ensuring that the children are secure in their times tables knowledge so please keep the practice up at home too! The children are doing brilliantly so far!

P.E.: The children will be improving their gym skills during indoor lessons and trying their hand at golf skills outdoors. PE continues to be Monday and Thursday every week.

Computing: The children will be learning all about creating digital pamphlets.

Religion and World Views: This half term the children will be learning about Islam and their place of worship.

French: The children will be learning how to say different colours and ask questions.

Music: We will be looking at motifs in music and how to transpose them.

Trip:

This half term, we are excited to go on a trip to Poole Harbour as part of their geography learning. The children will learn about how the harbour contributes to the local economy and they will look at the history of Poole and how it has changed over the last 100 years.

4G- Monday 12th January 2026

4W- Wednesday 14th January 2026

4H- Monday 19th January 2026

4L- Wednesday 21st January 2026

Wrap up Warm!

DT:

This half term the children will be baking. They will design and bake their own savoury muffins!

Reading:

This half term, the children will continue to develop their skills in fact retrieval, inference and word meaning. Our class reader this half term will be 'The Boy Who Met a Whale' by Nizrana Farook.

Recommended Reading:

- 'Flood and Fang' and 'Floodland' by Marcus Sedgwick
- 'Why the Whales Came' by Michael Morpurgo

Science and Geography:

In Science, the children will learn about living things and their habitats with a particular focus on local wildlife. They will learn how to classify animals.

In Geography, the children will learn about Brownsea and the local area, focussing on its geography using map work.

PSHE: Dreams and Goals

The children will understand that it is important to have hopes and dreams. Additionally, they will learn about the importance of resilience and how to draw upon positive and happy times to help them overcome disappointments, then how to set new plans to achieve a new goal.

Home-learning:

For this term's home learning, we would like to give the children a task related to our science topic: draw (or make!) a diorama of a local habitat. Teachers will go over what this is in class.

Home-Learning is due during the week beginning Monday 9th February 2026. A note in diaries will be attached with more details at the start of term.