



Flax Hill Junior Academy

Year 4 Newsletter – Spring 1, 2026

Mrs Pagan and Mr Plume



This half term we are learning:

English: We will explore the poem, The River, by Valerie Bloom and then have a look at a narrative text– The Iron Man by Ted Hughes.

Maths: In maths, this half term, we'll explore recall of times tables, mental multiplication and division, and written formal methods for multiplication and division.

Science: We will look at States of Matter.

History: Our new topic is the Maya Civilisation.

Geography: Our geographical work will be based around the Mediterranean.

DT: The children will look at designing and creating book covers (sowing).

Music: We will be exploring different musical styles.

French: In French, we are exploring different items found in homes.

PSHE: We will be learning about setting goals and looking at strategies to use when things don't go our way.

PE: Mr Cross will be teaching mindfulness dance.

RE: The children will be learning about Hinduism.

Art: We will be looking at the work of David Hockney.

Computing: We will look at how animated films are created.

Message from the teachers:

We hope that you had a lovely Christmas break and are refreshed and ready for Spring term. On behalf of the whole Year 4 team, a huge thank you for the cards, gifts and well-wishes we received from you and the children. We are very lucky to work with such thoughtful children and families.

We will continue to focus on our times tables this term in preparation for the Year 4 times tables check. However, beyond the Year 4 check, times tables are so important as they help create really firm building blocks for the topics covered in Year 5 maths. In maths lessons, the children enjoy singing along to times tables set to pop songs– we have seen some impressive dance moves from them too!

As always, thank you for your continued support and Happy New Year!

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 regularly.