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Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn Half Term 1 – September 2026

Welcome back to Year 4. Miss Colley is the class teacher, but she usually only works on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. On Thursdays and Fridays, Mr Sonczak and Mrs Haddock will also be teaching in Year 4.

Attendance

Well done to all the children who have attended school every day so far this school year. Please remember that holidays in term time are classified as unauthorised absences and could lead to a fixed penalty notice being issued. When children's attendance is below 90%, parents will be asked to provide medical evidence when children are absent from school due to illness. As this year group had the lowest attendance last year, we will be putting different incentives in place to encourage the children to come to school every day, on time. We will continue to reward the children who have excellent attendance.

Studybugs

School communicates with parents via Studybugs. This also enables parents/careers to contact school staff. If you need to send medical evidence for absence due to illness, please send it via email to attendance@matherstreet.oldham.sch.uk

Meet the Teacher meeting

9am Tuesday 22nd September in the school hall. Please come along to meet Miss Colley and find out about the year ahead in Year 4. Mrs Haddock and Mr Sonczak will also be present.

Clubs

Mondays – starting 14th September 2026 – TT Rock Stars

Tuesdays – starting 15th September 2026 – Netball (children need pumps or trainers)

Thursdays – starting 17th September 2026 – Lego Club

Fridays – Starting 18th September 2026 – Football

Clubs finish at 4pm – the children need to be collected from the main office.

PE

The Year 4 children have PE on a Thursday. School provides PE kit but the children need pumps or trainers. The focus will be on Tag Rugby. Pupils will develop their passing, movement, attacking, defending and teamwork skills.

Times Tables

In June 2027, all Year 4 children in the country will have to complete an online assessment of their knowledge of the Times tables up to 12 x 12. The children can use TT Rock Stars to help them learn in a fun way. Mrs Wrigley will be running a TT Rockstars club on Monday evenings.

English - Reading and Writing

Pupils will develop their entertaining writing through setting and narrative, alongside informative writing through newspaper reports. Our focus texts are *The Whale* and *Varjak Paw*. Pupils will develop their vocabulary, sentence structure and writing skills through a range of activities linked to the texts.

Reading: Pupils will read *Varjak Paw* during whole-class reading sessions where they will further develop comprehension, inference and vocabulary skills.

Maths

Our focus will be Place Value, Addition and Subtraction. Pupils will develop their calculation skills and mathematical fluency through arithmetic and problem-solving activities. Please continue to support your child with times tables practice at home.

Geography

Our first three weeks will focus on 'My Region and Campania, Italy'. Pupils will explore and compare the physical and human features of their local region and Campania, developing their geographical and map skills.

Science

We will also be studying 'Living Things and Their Habitats', exploring how living things can be grouped and classified and how plants and animals are suited to their habitats.

RE

We will explore why Sikhs believe what they believe, developing pupils' understanding of Sikh beliefs, values and how these influence everyday life.

PSHE'

Our focus is 'My Healthy Self: How can I make healthy choices?' Pupils will explore healthy habits and the choices we can make to support our physical and emotional wellbeing.

Art

Pupils will develop their drawing skills by exploring tone, texture and proportion, using a range of techniques to create effective observational drawings.

French

Pupils will develop their French vocabulary through portraits and clothes, learning to describe people and what they are wearing.

Computing

Our topic is Computing Systems and Networks: Collaborative Learning, with a focus on how technology enables us to communicate and work together. Online Safety will also be explored.

Music

The children will continue to learn how to play a brass instrument with Miss Howarth. In addition, the children will be singing in parts – loops and layers. They will explore how different vocal parts combine to create layers and harmonies while developing their ensemble skills.

Design and Technology

Our focus is Digital World: Mindful Moments Timer. Pupils will explore how digital products can be designed to support wellbeing and meet a specific need.

Homework

Homework will be **set every Friday**.

It will be required by the next Friday.

We will send either a reading, maths or writing based activity.

Holidays

Autumn half term – School finishes on Friday 23rd October 2026 at 3:20pm and reopens on Monday 2nd November 2026.

Kind regards

Miss Colley