

Year 4 Spring Newsletter



Welcome back to Maney Hill in 2025! The children have started the new year refreshed and with enthusiasm towards what will be a short but busy term. Here is an overview of the learning we have in store until Easter:

Maths

- Solve one- and two-step problems based around addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
- Recall multiplication and division facts up to 12×12 .
- Name and identify the properties of different triangles and quadrilaterals.
- Find lines of symmetry in 2D shapes presented in different orientations.
- Describe positions on a grid as co-ordinates and translate shapes.
- Find the perimeter and area of rectilinear shapes.
- Convert different units of measure, solving a range of word problems and challenges.
- Understand, represent and compare decimals and negative numbers.

English

In English, we will be reading 'The Boy at the Back of the Class'. We will be exploring and learning about the themes that the book covers, using these to practice and improve our reading skills. We will be exploring the language that the author uses for effect, retrieving information and making inferences about the text. We will continue to produce Extended-writing pieces for a range of purposes and audiences, including; diary entries, biographies and punctuated dialogues.



Science

Teeth and Eating

In this unit, we will learn about digestion and different types of teeth, in both humans and animals. We will compare how and why animal teeth are different to ours and explore how and why animals have different types of teeth to each other.

Changing States: Materials

In this unit, we will learn about states of matter. Materials will be compared and grouped into solids, liquids and gases. We will observe how some materials change state when heated or cooled and will identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle.

Topic – 'Ancient Romans' and 'What is China like?'

In history this term, we are exploring Ancient Rome and investigating how Rome grew into the Roman Empire. We will be finding out about the social structure of Ancient Rome, what daily life was like and their religious beliefs – including investigating a range of gods and goddesses from this time.

In geography, we will be focussing on China and the human and physical elements of the country. We will be further investigating famous tourist attractions, as well as finding more out about their culture and economic growth.



P.E.

P.E. will take place on **Wednesday** and **Thursday** for both 4H and 4M. This term we will develop skills in Dance, Gymnastics, Basketball and Tennis.



Times Tables

Children will continue to learn their times tables in school and should be practising them regularly at home too. **By the end of Year 4, children should know all their tables up to 12×12 .** There will be a statutory assessment in the summer term for all children. Please visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents> for further details.

Diary dates

4H: Class Assembly – 10.2.26

4M: Class Assembly – 27.1.26

Fire safety educational school visit: 19.1.26

Thank you for all of your continued support. If you have any concerns or queries throughout the term, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

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