



KING'S LANDER
PRIMARY ACADEMY

SYCAMORE CLASS NEWSLETTER

Spring Term: 6th January 2025 – 27th March 2026

Welcome: Welcome back to a new term. The spring term in Year 4 is always full of exciting activities alongside our broad and balanced curriculum.

Maths: Children will be continuing to use the 'Singapore Maths' approach. This term we will be focusing on fractions and time. We will also be continuing with daily Fluent in Five sessions as well as a range of additional reasoning activities to develop our mental arithmetic and problem-solving skills. We will also be using Times Table Rock stars in class and for online homework. Your child will be expected to know all multiplication facts up to 12 x 12 and all-corresponding division facts. Please support your child by practicing regularly with them.

English: In English this term, we will be focusing on a wide range of genres including myth narrative writing and information reports. We will be using 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' by Joe Todd-Stanton as our stimulus text. There will also be cross-curricular writing opportunities linked to other subjects, including history, as well as independent writing once per half term based on a familiar genre. In addition to this, pupils will have grammar, spelling and comprehension lessons in order to develop and support their comprehension skills, spelling strategies, punctuation, and grammar understanding. We will also be continuing with our accelerated reader programme. Pupils have all completed their next star reading test and have been given a new 'zpd'. They have all chosen a new book; please ensure that they continue to journal at home. They will only be able to complete a quiz on their book in school. Please ensure that your child has both their book and journal in school every day as we will have multiple accelerated reading sessions in class.

Science: We are excited to be continuing with our Haringey Education Partnership lessons. This half term we will be focusing on 'Sound.' Children will have opportunities to plan and carry out scientific investigations that will help them to understand more about the topic being taught. This will be followed after half-term by a unit of work on 'Living Things and Their Habitats'.

Opening Worlds:

Our first history unit for this term is 'Roman Britain,' where children will learn about Ancient Britons, rebellion (including Boudicca), a Roman town and the Celtic language and culture, as well as developing their understanding of continuity and change. Next half term we will be studying 'Christianity in Three Empires,' focusing on the cities of Rome, Constantinople and Adulis (in the African Empire of Aksum). Our first Geography topic is 'Coastal Processes and Landforms', where the children will learn about erosion, the Jurassic coast and coastal habitats. This will be followed

by 'Tourism', looking at the impact of tourism on a seaside town and Wales. The children will also further develop their understanding of location as well as their map skills, looking at 4-figure grid references and a range of map symbols. Our RE topics this term are both based on Christianity, looking at 'The Life and Teachings of Jesus' and 'Easter'.

Spanish: This term we will be focusing on the topic 'In the Classroom'. By the end of this unit pupils will have the knowledge and skills to present both orally and in written form about what they have and do not have in their pencil cases and/or school bag in Spanish.

Physical Education: This term, PE lessons will take place on Wednesday and Thursday. This term we will be focusing on Dance and Tennis. Please ensure that your child has their full PE kit with them in school ready for their PE lesson.

Computing: This term, we will be focusing on website design in computing. The children will design their own website based on their theme of choice.

Music: We will be following the 'charanga' programme for Music and this term's topic is Soul/Gospel music and helping one another. We will be using the song 'Lean On Me' as a stimulus.

Design Technology: This term we will be looking at Textiles and Fastenings.

Art: In our Art lessons, we will explore painting and mixed media. The children will create a final painting that shows an understanding of how colour can be used to show light and dark, and therefore show three dimensions.

Personal, Social, Health Education: This term we will be continuing with King's Adventure for our PSHE sessions. The focus this term will be teamwork. The children will take part in a number of activities to develop this skill

My Happy Mind: Year 4 will be focusing on the "Celebrate" unit of the myHappyMind program. This is focused on helping children understand their unique character strengths and building their self-esteem and confidence.

Homework: This term your child should spend time working on their multiplication and division facts on 'Times Table Rockstars'. Pupils will be given their log on details. Your child should also ensure that they read and journal each night, ready to quiz on their book in school. The children will also be set homework in English, Maths and Spelling

Other Information, Key Events, Dates, Trips, Drop-in Etc: Year 4 will be visiting the Catalyst Science Discovery Centre on the 4th March 2026. This will be a great opportunity for your child to develop their scientific understanding in an exciting 'hands-on' environment. They will also be visiting the Liverpool World Museum on Tuesday 24th February 2026, where they will take part in a time Odyssey workshop. Please feel free to come and have a chat if there is anything you think we should know or you would like help with. Year 4 parent drop-in day is on a Monday after school until 4pm. Thank you for your continued support.

Class Teacher: Mrs. Bartels – Year 4 teacher