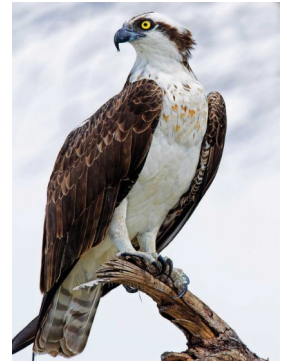




Year 4



Welcome to 2024... We wish you all a very Happy New Year. We plan to make 2024 special for your children by creating rich and varied opportunities to learn and build on prior knowledge.

This term our theme is 'Watch out, mother nature is about'. This theme will take us on a journey of discovery to the centre of volcanic eruptions and to experience earthquakes, the effects and impacts. If you have any expertise or holiday pictures you would like to share with us linked to our theme, please message one of the year four teachers, we would love to hear from you.

Homework

Please listen to your child read daily and discuss new words and vocabulary. Your child needs to read a minimum of 3 times per week and their reading diary must be completed and signed by an adult at least once a week. Start 2024 by writing a diary, writing 5 sentences a night will increase your child's stamina for hand-writing and help them gain fine motor strength. Learn all the times tables ready for the end of year multiplication check. Homework will be set on a Wednesday and is due back in on a Monday — it will be posted on Class Dojo.

'Watch out Mother Nature is about'



We will be discovering exciting facts about our wonderful planet earth and understanding why volcanoes and earthquakes occur. We will study the interesting and intriguing country of Italy which has volcanoes such as Vesuvius and Etna. Along our journey we will be designing and making our own healthy pizzas ... just like the Italians!

In science, we will be investigating changes of state and making our own volcanoes explode.

Please encourage your child to get fit and active in our local area by visiting as many parks as you can in a morning or afternoon. Investigate how many ponds there are on Kingsway and keep a log of all the birds and animals you can spot - this will give your children a good basis of knowledge for our science topic in the second half of term, which is living things and their habitats.

PE days

It is our turn to have Forest School this term. How exciting! Forest School will start on w/c 15th January. PE is an important aspect of a healthy lifestyle and we aim for our pupils to lead active lifestyles to develop a healthy and happy mind and body. All children are required to participate in 2 hours of PE each week. Children will be required to have a PE kit in school on their peg at all times and get changed for PE lessons.

	Hawk Class	Osprey Class
Forest School	Wednesday	Thursday
Badminton	Tuesday	Tuesday

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Please remember you can contact us via email or Class Dojo. Close links between home and school are important to us, so please feel free to contact us if you have any worries or concerns.

Experiences to enrich our curriculum:

We will be going on a trip to Robinswood Hill as part of our learning about habitats in science; this trip is totally FREE!

Dates and details to follow.

Fantastic news! We are also organising a music trip — Mrs Parr will be sharing the details as soon as the provider confirms the dates.