

## Reading

At Clayton Village, we want all children to be readers and it is a value we encourage. Not only for academics but more for joy and escapism from the everyday world.

Children in Year 4 should read at **least 3 times a week**. They do not need to read aloud to an adult but you are encouraged to ask your child questions about what they have read. We will have a weekly timetabled 'Book Talk' session where children and staff can share and recommend their favourite books. We will also have a DEAR (drop everything and read) session where children can enjoy their reading book.

## Times Tables

By the end of Year 4, children are expected to learn their times tables off by heart up to 12x. In June, the children will be completing a Multiplication Check where they will be tested on their times table knowledge.

Throughout the year, we will be working in hard in class to practice. We encourage you to help practice with your child at home on their rapid recall. A weekly challenge will be set on Seesaw.

## Water Bottles

Children are encouraged to bring water bottles to school, as it is important that we are hydrated so we can work and be focused fully. Children are not to bring water bottles with spray functions on them. These will be stored by the sink and children will be encouraged to drink these throughout the day. If a child requires a drink during a lesson, it is the teacher's discretion to find a suitable time. Make sure that your water bottle is brought in every day.



## Mrs Hickey

Year 4 - Greta Thunberg

# Spring Term 2026

Welcome back to Clayton Village, we are so happy to see you all back. We are excited to have lots of fun and achieve our best!

## PE

Our PE is on a **Monday**. Please come to school dressed in your full kit: black jogging bottoms, black hoody and house colour t-shirt. All clothing should be plain with no patterns or large logos.



## Spring Curriculum

In History, Year 4 will be studying what changed in Britain after the Anglo-Saxon invasion. We will look at settlements and what we can learn about Anglo-Saxon life from Sutton Hoo.

In Science, we will be studying living things and their habitats, and learning how classification keys help group and identify animals. We will also study electricity: identifying and naming parts of a circuit and making a simple circuit.

In Geography, we will be exploring where our food comes from and the journey it takes to get to us by following the journey of a cocoa bean.

In the Arts subjects, we will be continuing with our Ukulele lesson on a Tuesday afternoon, looking at how artists create perspective and creating electric systems in DT.

## Important Dates

Parent afternoon- 26.1.26  
Career's Week- 9.2.26 (if you are interested in sharing your career with the children, please get in touch)

Valentine's shop- 13.2.26

Break up for Feb half term – 13.2.26

Back to school – 23.2.26

Parent's Evening- 11.3.26

Break up for Easter – 27.3.26