



# Wood End Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

Year 4 | Spring Term 2 | 2026

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support the children this term. It has been wonderful seeing all the children back in school. During Spring 2 we will be learning about Electricity, Buddhism and the Vikings.

We look forward to seeing what the second half of Spring brings. If you have any questions or need support, please contact your class teacher in the first instance and then a member of the senior leadership team if needed.

## Themed days

We will be celebrating and discussing the following:

- International Women's Day
- World Wildlife day
- Pancake Day
- Global Day of Unplugging
- Global recycling day
- Red Nose Day

**We develop ourselves in many different ways – as scientists, geographers, historians, artists and technologists to name a few!**

**Below is a breakdown of the skills and knowledge to be covered in each subject through this topic.**

## English:

As writers, we will be imitating, innovating and inventing explanation texts and playscripts.

- Developing our range of spelling of Common Exception Words (examples provided)
- Forming the letters properly, using spacing between words that reflect the size of the letters and joining them up with greater speed and accuracy
- Checking our work for mistakes and correcting it and uplevelling
- Using dialogue to advance plot and character development.
- Understanding and creating written works in a script format

### English: cont-

- Using coordinating and subordinating conjunctions
- Using the past tense correctly
- Using apostrophes accurately
- Using expanded noun phrases
- Using a range of fronted adverbials
- Remembering to use a capital letter for proper nouns

### Mathematics:

- Understanding place value for tenths and hundredths as fractions
- Equivalent fractions
- Adding and subtracting fractions
- Solving worded problem with fractions
- Understanding the relationship with decimals and fractions (tenths and hundredths)
- Solving problems with decimals to two places
- Dividing by 100
- Able to recall multiplication facts to 12 with greater speed

### Science:

- Identify common appliances that run on electricity.
- Construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers.
- Recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit.
- Recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors.

### Computing:

Effective Searching- making use of the Google search engine.  
Hardware- understand the different parts that make up a desktop computer.

## Religious Education:

# What does it mean to follow the Buddha?

### History:

- who the Vikings were and why they invaded Britain
- where the Vikings traded
- the conflict with the Anglo-Saxons
- who Alfred the Great was
- what happened in Britain in the centuries leading up to the Norman Conquest in 1066

### Reading:

We will be developing reading with expression and being able to answer questions about the text.  
**IMPORTANT! Reading Records should be signed and brought to school every week. Signed daily.**

### Health and Well being

We will be setting ourselves personal goals and thinking about how we can meet them.  
We will identify how to keep healthy with our diet choices  
We will be exploring how our brain works and how to develop mindful behaviour.

### Physical Education:

We will be developing our coordination and improving striking and fielding skills through rounders and cricket.  
Swimming -Poplar will finish their remaining lessons then Sycamore will start their lessons after Easter.

### Art/DT/ Music

- Exploring Roman art, monuments of ancient Rome, like the Pantheon, Colosseum and Trajan's Column
- Gospel style music.

### Useful websites to support learning in this topic

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/>