

### Important Dates

Friday 11th Sept 9am Year 4 Meet the Teacher,  
Thursday 24th Sept—European Day of Languages  
W/c 19th October Reading with parents 9.00am  
Y3/4— Wednesday including times table workshop  
Friday 23rd October INSET day  
26th Oct—30th Oct Half term  
10th/12th November: Parent consultations  
Wb 16th November: Well-being week  
Wednesday 9th Dec KS2 pantomime  
Weds 16th Dec Christmas jumper day  
Weds 16th Dec KS2 Christmas lunch  
Weds 16th Dec Volunteer coffee 9am  
Wednesday 16th Dec Rocksteady Concert  
Thurs 17th Dec KS2 St Michael's church carol service (pick up from church)  
Friday 18th Dec—Break the rules day  
Fri 18th 2pm—End of term



### Trips / Events/ Workshops Term

Year 4 **swimming** will commence for **Nightingales** on Wednesday 9th September. The children will walk to the swimming pool with their class and need to be collected from Grange Paddocks at 3:45pm. If you would like to help with walking to the swimming pool please contact the office

**Kingfishers** will go swimming in the Spring term.

### Drop Off / Pick Up

Children will need to be dropped off at school at 8:40am and collected from the playground at 3:20pm.

A letter should be provided if your child is being picked up by someone else.

### Maths

Place Value of 4 digit numbers, Addition and subtraction (mental/formal strategies), Multiplication and division facts, Multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100, Fractions.

KIRFS: Autumn 1: I can count in multiples of 1000 and 25  
Autumn 2: I know my 6 times table

## Autumn Term 2026

### Welcome to Year 4

**Mrs. Venning & Mrs Shepherd**

If you need to contact us, please email us using the class email addresses and we will email you back as soon as possible (within 2 days).

**nightingales@northgate.herts.sch.uk**

**kingfishers@northgate.herts.sch.uk**

If it is urgent, please contact the office.

If you wish to send in a mid-morning snack for break-time, please send in fresh fruit or vegetables only (no nuts or seeds)  
All children should bring in their own labelled water bottle with plain water.

### Topic

This half term our topic is '**Potions**', a history based topic focussing on the Great Plague. The children will learn how to use sources to investigate the topic, the chronology of events, the causes, symptoms, treatment and impact of the epidemic. During this topic, we will also be planning and making soup as part of design and technology.

In the second half term, our topic will be

'**Misty Mountain Sierra**', a geography based topic with a focus on different mountain ranges around the world. Children will learn how different mountain types are formed and about their features.

In art, we will link to our mountain based work by looking and landscapes and interpreting them using watercolour techniques and printing.

Our science for the whole term will be States of Matter where we will learn about - and experiment with - solids, liquids and gases.

### PSHE

Focus this term:

Unit 1: Being Me In My World

Unit 2: Celebrating difference

### PE Kit

**Monday pm:** Both classes (outside)

**Wednesday pm:** Kingfishers (outside or inside)

**Wednesday pm:** Nightingales (swimming)

Children may wear school PE kit on PE days (white top and green shorts/tracksuit)



### Home Learning Year 4

**Reading:** Children are expected to read to an adult for 10 minutes at least 3 times a week in order to help them improve their decoding, increase their vocabulary and deepen their understanding of the text. If your child is a fluent reader, please talk to them about the vocabulary and check their understanding of the text. Please sign their reading record book. If your child has lost or misplaced their reading record, please let us know as soon as possible.

**Spellings:** Spellings, based on the 'Read, write, inc' spelling scheme, are set on a weekly basis. We will test the children on the following Friday.

**Maths:** *Key Instant Recall Facts* (KIRFS) for the half term should be practised as much as possible so it becomes fluent. See weekly home learning for details.

**Times Tables** up to 12 x 12 should be practised on a weekly basis using Timetables Rockstars.

**Maths, English or Topic** tasks are uploaded to Google Classroom on a Friday and should be completed and returned by the following Wednesday. Home learning tasks should be completed in home learning books, when appropriate. These tasks should take approximately 30 minutes. We will mark homework on the following Friday.

### Reading

In class, we will be reading a range of texts, including George's Marvelous Medicine and Everest, which is linked to our Mountains project. Please ensure your child's reading record is in school every day, so they can be used for communication about reading progress.

All children are expected to have a book in class. They may use school library books or bring in an age appropriate book from home. If you are interested in helping to listen to individual readers, please contact the office.