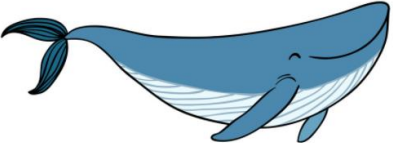




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Year 4 Team Letter
Spring 2025



<p>Whales Class – Miss Sparkes</p> 	<p>Seals Class – Miss Randolph</p> 
<p>The purpose of this letter is to give you important information about the term ahead. You will find details about home learning, reading books and general information about how a typical week will look. A copy of the letter and other information will be posted on the school website.</p> <p>We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you again in January!</p>	
<p>Exciting things the children will be learning in the Spring term...</p> <p>During the first half of the term, we will be doing history, during which we will be learning about The Vikings: who they were, where they settled, and how they travelled around.</p> <p>In the second half of term, we will be exploring different countries in Europe, particularly Scandinavian countries, as these link to The Vikings. In DT, we will be applying what we have learned about Viking longships to build our own ships out of card, using levers to create moving oars.</p> <p>In science, for our ‘Animals Including Humans’ topic, the children will be learning about the digestive system and teeth. In the second half of the term, we will be learning all about how to classify animals, as well as how the habitats in which they live are changing.</p> <p>In RE, we will be answering two key questions: ‘Why do people make pilgrimages?’ and ‘Why do Christians call the day that Jesus died Good Friday?’.</p> <p>In PSHE, we will be thinking about the places we feel safe, gender stereotypes, working together, and relationships and sex education (RSE).</p> <p>In PE, the children will be learning about the principles of rotation in gymnastics, as well as creating their own Haka inspired dances. For our outdoor sessions, we will be doing Tri-golf and tennis.</p> <p>In Art, we will be learning about collage techniques in the style of Matisse and how the artist used colour in his work.</p> <p>In addition, we will also be continuing our fortnightly Forest School sessions on Wednesday afternoons. This will start Wednesday 15th January.</p> <p>More information can be found by accessing the Curriculum Captures on the school website.</p>	
<p><u>Teacher PPA (Planning, Preparation & Assessment) Time</u></p> <p>Miss Sparkes and Miss Randolph will continue having their PPA time on Wednesday mornings. This time will be covered by Mrs Jenkinson and Mrs Page.</p> <p>Miss Randolph will have her ECT time every Tuesday afternoon covered by Mrs Jenkinson.</p> <p>Miss Sparkes will continue to have her management time on Thursday afternoon.</p>	<p><u>SCHOOL DAY TIMINGS</u></p> <p>8.40 – children are met at their classroom door by their teacher and settle into an early morning activity.</p> <p>8.45 – registration opens</p> <p>8.50 - the doors will close, after this time, children will need to come to the office and be signed in.</p> <p>12.30 – 1:15 – Lunchtime</p> <p>3.15 – End of the school day</p> 

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If you would like your child to walk home on their own after school, then you will need to complete this online permissions form <https://forms.office.com/e/632ZA1hjkh>

PE

Outdoor PE – Wednesday

Indoor PE – Friday

Children should have a PE kit consisting of a house colour T-shirt without buttons, dark plain shorts, jogging bottoms, a jumper, and a change of shoes for outdoors. No jewellery should be worn during Physical Education lessons. It is also not safe to cover earrings / studs / sleepers with tape. If children wear earrings to school, they need to be able to remove them themselves for PE lessons. If your child is unable to do so, earrings should be removed before coming to school. We advise that if you are going to allow your child to have their ears pierced, that this is done at the start of the summer holidays so that their PE entitlement is not compromised.

We ask that all PE kits are kept in a drawstring bag and are left in school. We send home PE kits at the end of each half term for washing during holiday time. **PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!**

BEHAVIOUR INFORMATION

We are committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for everyone so that we can all work together in a relaxed and secure atmosphere. We believe that we can do this by trying to keep the school rules.

We are gentle	We are honest	We are kind and helpful
We try our best	We listen	We look after property

For more details on our behaviour policy please see the school website – [About Us/School Policies](#)

HOME LEARNING

The **Multiplication Tables Check** is a statutory test for Year 4 pupils which will be taken in the summer term 2025, so please do practice tables over the summer holiday – every little helps! The children will be tested on all tables up to the 12x table. The children can use the ‘**Multiplication Tables Check**’ on the **Maths Frame** website to help them with this.

Link: <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

Weekly Newsletter:

Every Friday in term time, you will receive a **Weekly Newsletter** via email. This is where we will share our learning for the following week so you can support your child. It will also contain important notices such as information on Forest School, school trips or school events. Please ensure you have shared your email address with the school in order to receive this email.

Reading is the school’s key focus. Becoming a fluent reader will help your child become an independent learner so please try to read with your child as often as possible.

COMMUNICATION

We aim to have open communication channels to keep you informed about everything that is going on in school and to give easy access to speak to us if needed.

If you have any worries or concerns, please contact your child’s class teacher. Contacting us by email is always the best way as teachers are very busy before and after school, and if we know that you would like to meet with one of us, we can put some time aside on an evening when we don’t have meetings. All the teachers’ email addresses are provided for you below.

Ways we can communicate:

School/team letters – where possible we would like to send all letters via email.

Website – We hope the website is a good reference source, if there are things that you would like to see included, please let us know.

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Email – you can send emails to your child’s class teacher or team leader (Miss Sparkes). The protocol is that teachers will respond within 3 working days. If you need a more urgent response, then you can leave a message with the school office.

Whales Class and Team Leader – Miss Sparkes – asparkes@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk

Seals Class – Miss Randolph – hrandolph@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk

Appointments – if you would like to arrange a meeting with your child’s class teacher, please contact them via email to arrange a suitable time.

Spring Term Key Dates

We aim to keep to these dates but occasionally due to circumstances beyond our control they may need to change.

January	
Monday 6 th	Training Day
Tuesday 7 th	Spring Term Opens
Monday 13 th – Friday 24 th	SEND Parents Meetings
Thursday 16 th	Year 4 Bikeability
Wednesday 29 st & Thursday 30 st	Year 4 sharing assembly
February	
Wednesday 12 th – Thursday 13 th	Open Classrooms
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st	Half Term
March	
Wednesday 19 th – Thursday 20 th	Parents Evenings
April	
Friday 4 th	Spring Term closes
Monday 7 th – Monday 21 st	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 22 nd	Training Day
Wednesday 23 rd	Summer Term Opens
Monday 28 th – Friday 2 nd	Sporting Fund Raiser
Monday 28 th – Friday 9 th	SEND Parents Meetings