



Tulip Class

Class Newsletter – Summer Term 2 2026



Welcome back! This year has gone by so quickly and I can't believe it is the final half term of Year 4! This term is packed with lots of exciting learning and some wonderful summer activities, like Sports Day and our geography trip to Lea Valley. Tulip class have had a fantastic year so far and I have no doubt that, in this last half term, they will continue to be just as hard-working and brilliant. Please see below for an overview of the second half of the summer term

Maths: We begin with time, focussing on both analogue and digital clocks, and calculating durations between times. In our next topic we will be interpreting and presenting continuous and discrete data. We follow on with Roman numerals and geometry, specifically angles and co-ordinates and finish the term by reviewing some of the trickier topics of the past year.

English: We will start a new book titled to 'The Ever Changing Earth' by Grahame Baker Smith. This lovely book tells us about the evolution of the Earth and some of its lost creatures and we will be writing informal letters, leaflets and poems. As always, grammar and spelling will have a high profile, with the learning and application of skills taught every lesson. Our next guided reading book is 'Poems from a Green and Blue Planet'. This is a beautiful collection of poems which takes you on a journey around our wonderful green and blue planet, from mountaintops to ocean floors. In these lessons we continue to develop the key reading skills of vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and sequencing.

Science: Our unit is all about 'Living Things' where we will be grouping and classifying living things and exploring habitat changes. Lessons will be of a practical nature wherever possible, so the children learn through hands on experiences and develop their skills in working scientifically, as well as their scientific knowledge.

RE: This half term our RE focus will be based on Christianity with the key question 'Do people need to go to church to show they are Christians?'

PSHE: Our PSHE learning continues with the Jigsaw unit 'Changing Me'. We will explore how we feel about change and how to cope with change, alongside our work on puberty and human reproduction. The content of this unit is explained in more detail in a letter sent to you recently.

French: Our topic this half term is 'In the Classroom'. We will learn vocabulary about items in our pencil case and school bag and consolidate previously learnt grammar and the negative form.

History: We will investigate the question 'How did the achievements of the Maya civilisation influence their society and beyond?' before briefly zipping back to geography and rivers to enhance our trip to Lea Valley.

Music: This half term we will be creating and presenting short performances for the end of each lesson in The Show Must Go On!

Computing: In our coding unit, we will learn to use selection, co-ordinates, looping and variables and then use these coding skills to create our own games.

Art: The Fabric of Nature - using the flora and fauna of tropical rainforests as a starting point, children will develop drawings through experimentation and textile-based techniques to design a repeating pattern suitable for fabric.

PE: We will have a PE session on Tuesday afternoon (rounders) and PE with Mr. Webb will be on a Thursday morning (tennis) As the weather is likely to be warm this term, please ensure your child has a hat and is wearing sunscreen. However, the weather is unpredictable, so please also have black jogging bottoms and jumper/hoodie just in case. Thank you.

The Year 4 multiplication tables check will take place during the two-week period between Monday 1 June and Friday 12 June.

Homework will cover a range of tasks: Doodle Maths, Times tables Rockstars, reading and spellings to learn (using Spelling Shed). Please make sure your child is reading regularly at home. School books will be changed frequently and checked on a weekly basis. Homework continues to be tasks completed online, alongside daily reading. **Whilst pupils are completing their tasks, please be mindful of their online activity and ensure appropriate measures are in place to keep your child safe online.**

Class Dojo: we will use Class Dojo to communicate many things over the course of the year, including class updates, so please check in regularly! If you need log in reminders for any sites, please let me know.

Reminders: School uniform must be worn at all times. Long hair should be tied back at all times. Water bottles are encouraged (but please name them!). Children may arrive between 8:45am and 8:55am; school finishes at 3:20pm.

Finally, please do not hesitate to call the office or send an email at admin@hillmead.herts.sch.uk if you have any questions. Thank you.