



LEARNING LETTER

Class 4

Mr Grafton supported by Mrs Morrell and Mrs Webb

Autumn 2 2025-2026



CURRICULUM

Welcome back for the start of Autumn term 2. This term is all about design and technology. The new topic is titled 'Build a Bramley Vale Bear'. The children will be given a design brief to design a teddy bear to be the new Bramley Vale mascot. The mascot will attend all events such as school trips and sporting events. They will have to design their own bear based on research and independently sew and stuff material to create a finished product.

During the first week back, the class will have an online author session with Tom Palmer to pause and reflect of Remembrance Day with his book 'War Dog'. We will also be bust painting wooden poppies

inn the first week for remembrance. In week 6, the class will carry out their first round of formal assessments to see how much progress they have made during Autumn term.



SUPPORTING LEARNING AT HOME

Topic homework – There are three tasks to choose from connecting to textiles. I look forward to seeing some lovely homework challenges.

Reading homework – The minimum expectation is that every child reads at least 20 times per term. This allows them to earn a bronze in Reading Olympics. Ideally, children will aim higher than this. Please support your child and encourage them to read regularly at home. Talk to them about what they are reading and ask them to think about characters and events in their stories.

Maths homework – Please support your child to learn their times tables. Memorising them by heart makes a **significant difference to their progress in maths**. There are endless online resources to help with a quick search on Google e.g. Hit the button on Topmarks. Y3 must know 2,5,10,3,4 and 8 times tables. Y4 must know all times table facts up to 12 x 12. Ask your child questions to help with their recall. Car journeys are a good opportunity. There will also be a weekly written maths task. Children can also extend their learning using our online learning platform (Doodle maths).

GENERAL REMINDERS

PE will be on Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their kit and has tape for earrings if they can't take them out. Children must wear black trainers. Please remember swimming kit, towel and goggles every Friday.

This term, our school value focus is '**Resilience**'. I will be looking for children who keep going when they find work difficult. Getting through the tricky parts by being resilient helps children to make accelerated progress.

