

Year 4

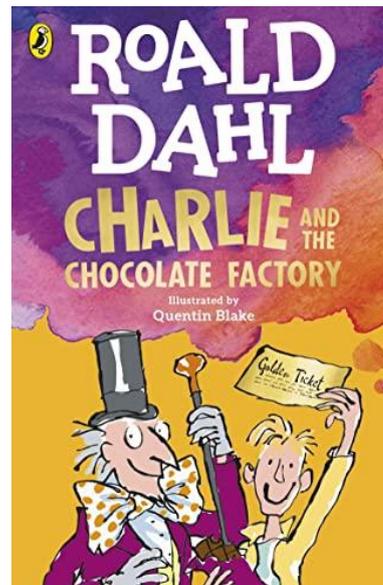
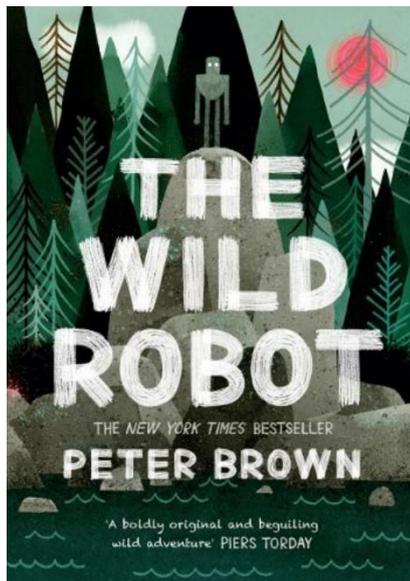
Dear parents and carers,

We hope that you had a lovely Christmas break. Welcome to the spring term where we look forward to the continuing partnerships between home and school.

Reading

Our goal is to create confident, fluent, independent readers. We prioritise reading at Nelson School and have very carefully chosen the texts your child will study this term. We focus on word reading to develop fluency and comprehension skills using a system called VIPERS. VIPERS stands for: vocabulary, infer, predict, explain, retrieve and sequence or summarise.

In Year 4, we will start by looking at *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown. We will also be reading *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl.



Curriculum Highlights

This term, in History our topic is 'Invaders and Settlers' where we will look at the time of Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. In Science we will investigate states of matter and how they change while in Design & Technology we will design and create torches.

You can find out more information about the spring term learning by looking at the overviews and programmes of study on the website.

Updates and reminders

Morning routine – School gates open at 8.35am. Please ensure your child arrives in school promptly for an 8.40 am start.

Snacks – Children may choose to bring their own fruit/vegetable snack which can be eaten during morning break. Please remember we are a nut free and healthy school.

PE – Please note that the PE days for Year 4 will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Children should come to school wearing their P.E. kits and trainers on these days and will remain in these all day. A reminder that if children are wearing earrings these should only be studs and not hoops. Stud earrings will be covered with tape during PE lessons for safety. Long hair must be tied up at all times including during PE. In case children need to change out of their PE shoes due to wet weather, we would like them to bring a spare pair of shoes (these do not need to be school shoes) and socks in a labelled bag. These may be kept at school or brought in on PE days only

Medication – Please ensure your child's teacher has any relevant medication and that this medication is up to date.

Key dates

World Book Day	Thursday 2 nd March
4B Cake Sale	Friday 3 rd March
Science Week	Monday 13 th March

Thank you in advance for all of your support in the year ahead.

Kind regards,

The Year 4 Team