

# Year 4 Newsletter

Spring 1  
2026

Raleigh Infant and  
Admirals Academies

## Welcome

Dear families,

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and are feeling refreshed and energised ready for 2026.

As we embark on this Spring half term, we are excited to let you know what learning we have planned for your children.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support  
From the Year 4 team.



## Important Dates



06/01/26—start of spring term

12/01/26—virtual tri golf tournament (PE kits)

W.C. 2/02/26—Assessment week

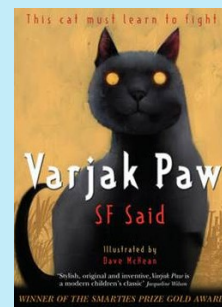
13/02/26—end of spring 1.

**PE is on a Wednesday, please make sure your child comes into school wearing their PE kit.**

## English

### Reading

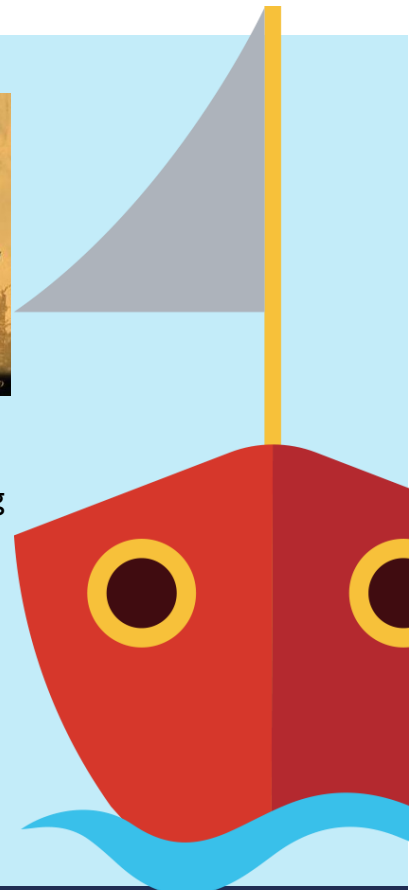
Our class text this half term is **Varjak Paw** by SF Said. It is about a pedigree cat called Varjak and his family. Varjak has always been the outcast of the family, however he risks venturing out of the house where they live, to try and save them from an unfamiliar gentleman and his two cats. Will he be able to survive in the outside world?



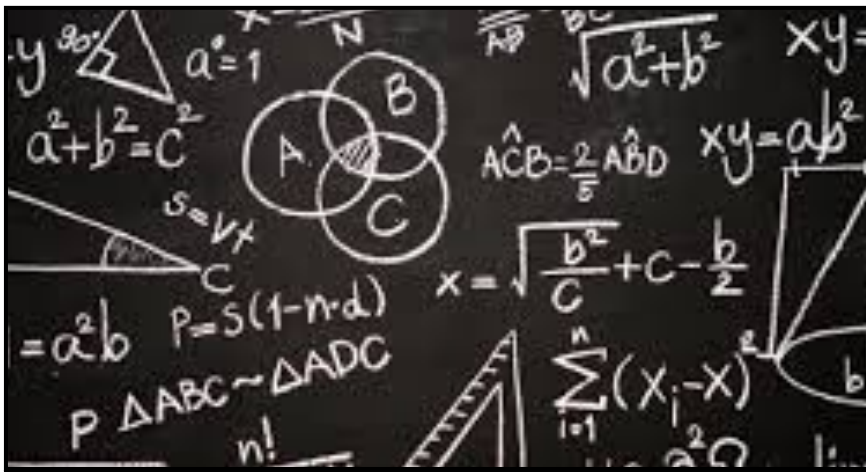
### Writing

This half term, children will writing short stories inspired by different cultures, learning how to write in the third person and use the past tense correctly. Children will also be encouraged to use descriptive language to make their writing more interesting and detailed.

Alongside this, children will be learning how to write explanatory texts. They will practise using subject-specific vocabulary and will focus on organising their writing clearly and using an appropriate tone for this type of writing.



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## Mathematics

This half term we will learn the 7 times table and explore number patterns to help with quick recall.

We will develop our understanding of multiplication and division by exploring how numbers are related including grouping, sharing and solving problems using times tables.

## French

In French, this half term we are learning how to say items from daily life. We will use this to say what we have, what others have and what we would put in our bag. Using our knowledge of colours and numbers, we will include what colour the items are and how many we have. To end the unit we will learn how to say what we do not have in our bag.



**Homework is set on a Thursday and due in on the following Tuesday.**

## Life Skills



In PSHE this term, we will be focusing on; hopes and dreams, overcoming disappointment, creating new realistic dreams, achieving goals, working in a group, celebrating contributions, resilience and positive attitudes.

## Science

This half-term in science we will be learning about Ecology. We will begin by learning about habitats and microhabitats. Following on from this, we will learn about food chains and identifying which living thing is the consumer, decomposer and producer. To end the unit, we will be investigating the impacts humans have on the environment and conducting an experiment about air pollution.



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