

Welcome to Year 4!

Your teachers this year are: Mrs Rhodes, Mrs Johnson and Miss Bradley.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you have had an enjoyable summer break and that the children are ready to start their learning adventure in Year 4.

Curriculum Information Autumn Term

English – This term's class text is 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone.' We will be using this book to inspire our writing in English lessons. Get your wizardry skills ready! We will also be linking our history work to some of our writing when we become Lindisfarne monks and decide 'should we stay or should we go?' when the Vikings attack our monastery.



Maths



Place Value

Addition and Subtraction

Multiplication and Division

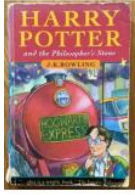
Mental and written calculations

Times tables

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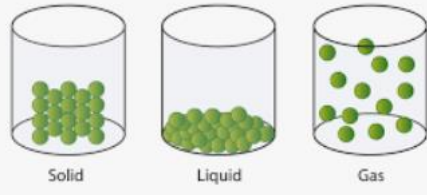
Reading

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone-
JK Rowling,
Raiders- Lynne Benton



Science

In science, we will be learning about states of matter looking at the properties of solids, liquids and gases and how this relates to the water cycle. This is closely linked to our geography work.



History

Let's travel back in time to AD 450, when the Anglo Saxons settled in Britain. We will discover how they lived and changed the way we live today. What was life like for them? Then, enter the Vikings—raiders or traders?



PE



Swimming
Dance - links to History
Dodgeball

Art / DT

In Art and DT we will look at the work of Frida Kahlo and use her pieces to inspire us to create work of our own. We will also be creating Anglo Saxon houses with framed wooden structures, which would be typically found in settlements of the time.



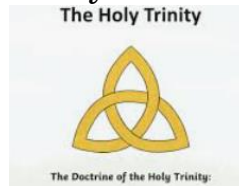
French



Recap of basic phrases-
hello - goodbye etc
Welcoming myself
'Je m'appelle....'

RE

What did Jesus want?
What is the Trinity and why is it important for Christians?



Days to remember:

Indoor P.E. – Thursdays

Outdoor P.E. – Wednesdays

Some children will swim on Wednesdays and this will be shared with you later in the term, once we have assessed everyone.

Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in their school P.E. kit on these days.

Reminders:

Please note that the wearing of earrings during P.E. will not be permitted so it would be helpful if your child did not come to school wearing earrings on P.E. days. Also, long hair must be tied back.

Reading:

In Year 4 we want children to love to read! Your child will read in school most days, either independently or to an adult. We really encourage children to read at home for pleasure: this can be on their own, with an adult or being read to – we really don't mind as long as they are enjoying a good book! They will be frequently monitored and they will choose books designed for their level. We will be sending a bookmark home soon, so please record any reading they do on this.

Homework:

Mathematics homework (TT Rockstars) will be set on a Wednesday and should be completed by the following Wednesday. It is really important that we do our TT homework each week as all year 4 children in England must take part in the MTC (multiplication tables check) at the end of the academic year.

Spelling homework will be set on a Friday and it is expected to be completed by the following Thursday. There may be words for your children to learn at home. It will be written homework, most weeks.

Reading: Children are expected to read 3 times a week and parents need to acknowledge this by signing their bookmarks.

If you have any technical difficulties or do not have access to the internet then your child can attend Homework Club during school hours, or complete their homework on paper. Spellings and times tables homework will start on Friday 6th September.

Trips:

Theme Days: Look out for more information on our Harry Potter theme day to be held after half term as well as more information to follow very soon about our trip to 'Harry Potter Studios!'

We are really looking forward to getting to know your children and we are always here to help and support you if you need it.

Thank you in your advance for your support,
The Year 4 Team