

Year 4 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of a brand-new school year, I hope everyone is excited for the new year and our new term in Year 4! For our first term, we will be focusing on 'Invasion'. This will be our core theme throughout all of Autumn. This focuses upon life in Britain after the Roman withdrawal. I'm sure your children will tell you all of the wonderful facts we cover this term.

R.E

In RE this term, we will be learning about Creation and Fall. In this unit, we will be learning about the creation story and discovering what Christians can learn from this important story. We will be focusing on forgiveness and how Christians can show forgiveness to others, as well as asking for forgiveness from God. We will also take a deeper look at the ten commandments to understand what each commandment symbolises.



English

In English this term, we continue to enhance our writing skills using expanded noun phrases, high level adjectives, fronted adverbials, and short sentences. As we are covering the 'Invasion', we will be exploring a key text called 'The Saga of Erik The Viking'. We will be using this story to write biographies, setting descriptions, playscripts, myths, and diary entries. We will continue to develop our editing skills further, as children draft and edit their writing as well as working collaboratively to evaluate their writing style against the genre, we are writing in.

Maths

In Maths this term we will be focusing on our Place Value to 10,000, adding and subtracting two four-digit numbers. We will also look at all of the times tables to prepare ourselves for the timetable check that takes place in Year 4. This will take place the week beginning 9th June 2025. Alongside this, we will also be enhancing our problem-solving skills further through a range of multiplication and division questions. We will also work on our maths fluency skills, focusing on basic number skills, such as number bonds, counting in different number patterns and adding and subtracting. We will also cover area and look deeper into comparing different areas.

PE

We will be having PE on a Monday and Wednesday this term.



Children will need to come into school wearing their PE kits (no football shirts/kit will be permitted). Please note that where possible children will participate in PE, and many other lessons outside, a warm coat and appropriate clothing is essential.

Invasion

This term we will be studying 'Invasion'. Children will be learning about life in Britain after the Roman withdrawal. Children will learn about Anglo-Saxon and Viking invasions up to the Norman conquest. We will also be learning about compass points and four and six-figure grid references. Children will learn about the tropics and the countries, climates and culture of North and South America. In Science, children will explore the human digestive system. They will explore the main parts, starting with the mouth and teeth, identifying teeth types and their functions. They will also discover and construct food chains to show the flow of energy. We will then explore how sound is made and how sound travels as vibration. In Art, Children will further develop their understanding of colour theory by studying the colour wheel and colour mixing. They will also learn the techniques required to create woven patterns and products. Finally, in D&T, children will discover key inventions in food preservation and packaging, then make examples. Children will prepare, package and evaluate a healthy snack!

Homework

Reading books will also be sent out twice a week on Monday's and Friday's. Pupils need to bring their reading books back with their reading records signed by an adult who has heard them read. Reading spine books will be also be sent out every 3 weeks and the children who receive these should fill in the reading journal. Spellings are set weekly and a copy of these will be available to practise with your child in their spelling logs. Children should be accessing their Times Table Rockstar's regularly to help them with their multiplications ready for the multiplications check this year. Log in details are found in their reading journals.

If you have any problems or concerns and wish to speak to me, or a member of the Year 4 team, the please contact the school office where we will be able to phone you back. As always, thank you for your support.

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