

Year 4

Newsletter – Advent Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is one of the busiest terms at school and there is a lot for the children to learn and do. Here are details about the curriculum that we will be covering.

As always, if you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Read

Maths

Our focus is:

- Addition and subtraction
- Area
- Multiplication and division

We will also be completing reasoning activities on each of these areas in order to promote the mastery of the Year 4 curriculum.

Times Tables

The children will continue to prepare for the Multiplication Tables Check assessment that they will complete in the Pentecost Term. Please encourage your child to practice their times tables regularly at home. This can be done using the Soundcheck Game on TT RockStars and by playing [Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds \(topmarks.co.uk\)](https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Hit-the-Button).

English

We will be reading Beowulf which is a Viking Myth which will also support our learning about the Vikings in History.

- Setting and character descriptions
- Poetry – Kennings
- Recipes and instructions
- Information pages
- Viking Sagas and Myths

In grammar we will focus on: pronouns, nouns, adverbials and fronted adverbials. We will explore place, time and descriptive adverbials.

Our spellings will be words ending with the suffix -sion and -ation, homophones and words from the Year 3 and 4 Statutory Spelling list.

RE

We will be continuing our topic on being Called through Confirmation. We will then focus on Judaism and will talk about Rebecca, the Torah and Bar/Bat mitzvahs.

Then we will begin our Advent celebrations and will talk about the wonderful gift of Jesus and how this continues to be celebrated around the world.

Music

We will continue to learn to play the ukulele with Miss Pattison. All of the children will have the opportunity to borrow a ukulele from school so that they can practice at home. Hire forms have been sent home and should be signed and then returned before an instrument can be taken home.

Science

Our topic is Electricity and the children will:

- Identify appliances that can run on electricity
- Construct a simple series circuit
- Recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit
- Recognise some common conductors and insulators

Computing

We will be exploring programming by using a software called Turtle Logo and will explore:

- Logical reasoning to explain how simple algorithms work
- Design, write and debug programs
- Solve problems

Art/D & T

In our topic titled Autumn the children will:

- Draw leaves in pencil and colour
- Print a pattern using leaves
- Plan, create and evaluate a Christmas light decoration – this will support our learning about Electricity in science.

History

Vikings is our topic and we will learn:

- When and why the Vikings raided Britain
- Where the Vikings came from
- What Danegeld is
- The importance of Edward the Confessor and his death in 1066

PSHE

Our topic is Bullying and we will also be having a whole school focus on this for Anti-Bullying Week in November.

P.E.

We will continue to have P.E. on a Tuesday and Thursday and will be performing a dance about Electricity and playing net, court and wall games.