

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 in Year 4 and what the children will be learning.

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
- Length and perimeter

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 by playing the Soundcheck Game on TT RockStars and Hit the Button and Daily 10 that are available on the internet.

English

We will be reading Beowulf, a Viking Myth, which will also support our learning about the Vikings in History. We will be exploring and writing:

- Setting and character descriptions
- Poetry – Kennings and performance poetry
- Recipes and instructions
- Viking Myths

In grammar we will focus on: paragraphs, pronouns, nouns and fronted adverbials including 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 complete the Called topic that we started last half term. Then we will explore Judaism and learn about The Torah and Bar/Bat Mitzvahs. We will then 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 will be sent home shortly and should be signed and then returned before an instrument can be taken home.

Science

Our topic is Electricity and the children will learn about:

- How electricity is generated
- The dangers of electricity
- Complete and incomplete circuits
- Electrical conductors and insulators
- How to make a switch and how it works

Computing

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

- Logical reasoning to explain how simple algorithms work
- How to design, write and debug programs
- How to solve problems

Art/D & T

In our topic titled Autumn the children will develop their drawing and printing techniques by using leaves to:

- Draw lines of different sizes and thickness
- Show pattern and textures
- Use different colour tones
- Use objects to create prints

History

Vikings is our topic and we will learn about:

- When and where the Vikings came from and why they invaded Britain
- The resistance by Alfred the Great and Athelstan
- King Ethelred and Danegeld
- Laws and justice
- 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.