



Year 4 Newsletter - Advent Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is one of the busiest half 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:

- Area
- Multiplication and division
- Length and perimeter

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

Year 4 Multiplication Check

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 for free on the internet.

English

We will start by reading the Viking Myth Beowulf and will then read Winter's Child. We will be exploring and writing:

- Setting and character descriptions
- Poetry
- Myths
- Dialogue
- Letters
- Retellings

In grammar we will be focusing on: present tense, paragraphs, pronouns 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.

Spelling and Times Tables Tests

Details of all the spelling and times table tests for this half term, including dates, will be sent home separately at the beginning of this half term. Please keep this in a safe place as your child will need this to know which words and times tables to practice each week. Please encourage your child to practice frequently throughout the week for each test. Top tip: 5 minutes practice every day is better than 20 minutes once a week!

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 the children will have the opportunity to borrow a ukulele from school so that they can practice at home. Hire agreement forms will be sent home shortly and should be signed and then returned to school before an instrument can be taken home.

Science

Our topic is States of Matter and the children will learn:

- How to group materials according to whether they are a solid, liquid or a gas
- Some materials change state when they are heated or cooled
- The purpose of evaporation and condensation in the Water Cycle

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 developing our Dance skills and learning how to play Netball.