



Year 4 Newsletter - Advent Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is one of the busiest half terms at school, including Christingle Day, trip to the pantomime and the KS2 Christmas Liturgy

Maths

Our focus this half term is:

- Area
- Multiplication and division
- Length and perimeter

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 Hit the Button and Daily 10 that are available for free on the internet.

English

We will start by reading the FaTHER by Grahame Baker Smith and will then read Winter's Child. We will be exploring and writing:

- Setting and character descriptions
- Poetry
- Dialogue
- Letters
- Retellings
- Postcards
- Diaries

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.

Remember to hear your child read regularly and sign their book. Each Monday a 'Reading Incentive' biscuit will be given to all those with three reads at home in their reading record.

Spelling and Times Tables Tests

Details of all the spelling and times table tests for this half term, including dates, can be found at the back of your child's yellow reading record. Please encourage your child to practice frequently throughout the week for each test.

RE

Our second unit is Prophecy and Promise. We will focus on Elijah, John the Baptist and the Jesse Tree.

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 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 Structures, the children will design and make their own treasure boxes.

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 Monday and Thursday and will be developing our Dance skills and learning how to play Netball.

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

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Currie