

Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn



September 2021

Welcome to Year 4!
It's great to have you back! We hope you had a great summer. We are very excited to get cracking on a new year! Just a reminder that the school doors open for year 4 at 8:35am, with the doors closing at 8.45am. Year 4 finish at 3.05pm.

This half term is set to be a busy half term full of learning!

In English, we are going to be writing kenning poems about animals and writing narratives set in Viking times, which ties in with our history topic. These will be based around the fun-filled book *Two Terrible Vikings*.



In maths, we will be revisiting place value, moving into working with 4 digit numbers. We will then move on to formal written methods for addition and subtraction of 4 digit numbers.

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In guided reading, we are doing whole class work around a particular book; this term it is the fizzbanging *BFG!* Children will read from the book, discuss it and then answer a range of comprehension style questions.



In spelling, we are working on prefixes and suffixes, including -ing, -ed, il- and im-.

STATES OF MATTER



Our science topic this half term is States of Matter, so children will be experimenting and observing solids, liquids and gasses.

We are learning about the Vikings in our history topic, including research that covers Anglo-Saxon kings such as King Alfred the

Great. The children will have the opportunity to explore Viking artefacts and to make their own longships in DT.

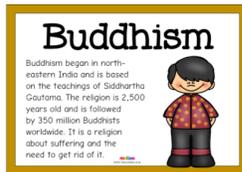


In computing, the children will be working on e-safety using Purple Mash.



Their PSHE work on online relationships will complement this. The children will then move on to exploring families and the people that care for them.

In RE, the children will explore the concept of happiness through the religion of Buddhism, and in music they will be doing singing and notation, linking this to their Viking topic.



Children will be developing their Spanish skills in MfL to include vocabulary to name and describe people and places.

Finally, in P.E children will be doing athletics and fitness once a week, and swimming once a week.



Things to remember:

Homework:

Given out - **Monday**

Due in - **Friday**

Homework will be spellings, times tables and reading.

Class Novel:

4HC are reading George's Marvelous Medicine by Roald Dahl.

Spelling Test - **Friday**

Timetables Test- **Thursday**

Reading books :

Reading books will be sent home as soon as children have completed their Star Reader assessments to obtain their reading comprehension level. Reading is expected at least **3 times a week** and the diary must be brought in daily.

PE:

Children must come to school in their uniform and **should bring their PE kits** to change into.

Swimming: Tuesday

P.E: Friday.

P.E kits can be brought in on Monday and taken home on Friday.

Important information:

Most weeks, homework will consist of:

- 1. Reading book—minimum of 3 times a week**
- 2. Spellings**
- 3. Times Tables**