

What's happening in Year 4?

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you and your family had an enjoyable Easter Holiday. We have all been absolutely thrilled with the fantastic Spring Term the children have enjoyed since returning to school after the Christmas holidays. The children really approached school with diligence and enthusiasm. We have now reached the Summer Term! We have lots of exciting things planned for this term including an exciting theme all about the Tudors. As ever, if you need to speak to a member of staff about your child's progress, please feel free to approach any of us and we'll be happy to help!

Important Dates:

Temple Newsam Visit: Tuesday 21st May.

Half Term: Last day of school is Friday 24th May. We return to school on Tuesday 4th June.

Tudors

This half term we will be investigating who the Tudors were and what it was like at that time. The children will be taking part in lots of exciting activities throughout the rest of the term, learning more about the different Tudor monarchs, including Henry VIII, his children and their roles as monarchs. We will also be investigating other important and significant people like Sir Francis Drake. They will also be reading an exciting story all about a Tudor family and their adventures during the period. They will be using this knowledge to help them write a story of their own set in the Tudor period. Finally, they will be reading and then acting out Tudor playscripts. We will also be embarking on an exciting trip to Temple Newsam later this term. Temple Newsam is an extraordinary Tudor House and garden filled with artefacts from the time. The children will also be taking part in a fascinating workshop to further deepen their knowledge.

Science

This half term we will be learning all about sound. We will be completing experiments to find out how sound is made, in what way it travels, how we understand it and what kinds of sounds are made.

So far we have already investigated what a sound is and how it travels, as well as inventing some very useful telephones which proved sound can travel through solids.



Watch This Space...

Next half term, we will be diving into a brand-new theme all about Harehills. We can't wait to start learning more about the wonderful place we live in.

Learning outside school

There are many different ways for you to spend some time learning with your child. This is a great way to help them practice basic skills which they need in the classroom every day. Here are a few things you could be doing.

- ✓ **Listen to your child read or encourage them to read.**
Children should be reading up to 4 times a week at home.
- ✓ **Practice times tables.** Children should be able to quick fire their times tables and begin to know some division facts. Your child can use their own Times Table Rockstars login to practice these.
- ✓ **MyMaths** This is a fantastic resource your child can use outside of school to help practice their current mathematical learning.
- ✓ **Encourage them to access the Mathletics website and complete challenges.**