

# Year Four Class Newsletter—Autumn 2022

## Welcome back!

**It doesn't seem two minutes since we broke up; We hope you have had a lovely holiday and are ready for a busy term at school. As you will remember, Miss Galloway and Mr Darling will be working together this term with Y4 and we are sure the children will have a great time and will find that variety is the spice of life! As ever, you can talk to either of us with any questions you may have—please do come and talk to us!**

**Mr Darling and Miss Galloway**

## Maths

We start this term by looking at place value and addition and subtraction as a solid foundation for calculations.

We will move on to looking at Area and Multiplication and Division as the term progresses.

**This year your child will take the Multiplication Tables Check in May.**

We will work very hard to make sure that they are well prepared for this, but again regular practise is essential so they will have a few tables questions to practise every night.

Please help us to help them by going over these with your child each evening.

## English

Our English starts by looking at stories set in imaginary worlds and will progress to looking at how Plays are set out. We will study non-chronological reports and explanation texts as well as looking at the Fantasy genre.

We will continue to develop appropriate grammar skills and also working hard to develop fluent, joined and legible handwriting.

As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, please support your child to make good progress with their reading by listening to them read and reading to them regularly. Even if you think they are fluent readers, regular practise is really important.

## Religious Education

We will be looking at how families are different but all value people equally. We will study Judaism and look at how we develop relationships through acknowledgement of mistakes and making reparation. We will look at what our personal gifts are and what makes us special.



## Geography

Our Geography topic is called “My Place in the World” and will look at different localities around the country and focus on what makes our area special. There are loads of opportunities to explore together that will help your child become familiar with the local area.

## History

History this term is Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. There are a number of sites listed below that will help your child get a basic understanding of the changes in Britain during this time period, or you might like to visit local museums or Jarrow Hall for a longer visit.

## Computing

We will look at aspects of online safety and have a main focus on coding—writing computer programs using careful reasoning and planning to make the program effective and efficient.

## PE

PE will still be on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons with Sophie Mulligan. Your child should attend school in their PE kit on these days. Please can we remind you that PE kit is a plain white T-shirt and plain navy shorts. (Not cycling shorts or leggings) The children may also wear a plain navy tracksuit. (Not branded) Items can be purchased from most high street stores or from our provider Lollipops at a reasonable price.

## RSHE

We will study aspects of how the children’s bodies develop and how to stay healthy. We will have a big focus on Emotional Wellbeing and also look at life cycles and how people change over time in different ways.

## Links you might like!

<https://jarrowhall.com/>

<https://greatnorthmuseum.org.uk/>

<https://www.orkneyjar.com/history/skarabrae/>



## Art

Our Art topic this term is called “Where We Live” and in particular will look at ways to represent our area in sculpture form. You might want to visit some of the local sculptures and see how they are made—try the Bottle in Middlesbrough or The Angel of the North if you are going to the Metro Centre!

## Music

We will be looking at ways to combine elements to make music. This will involve looking at how sounds, words and rhythms can be used to convey ideas through music. Try listening to lots of different styles of music and see how they are put together—try using YouTube to look at different styles.

## Science

Our Science topics this term are Animals including Humans and Electricity. We will look at the digestive system and how simple circuits can be built. You might want to look at what your child eats and how they look after their teeth, as well as looking at how Electricity is used in the home.

## Spanish

We will begin to learn the Year Four basic vocabulary this term, revising some of the Year Three phrases and then developing further to increase the children’s confidence, fluency and pronunciation. We will also look at phrases and vocabulary to describe family relationships.

## DT

We will be looking at Food and Nutrition in DT this term, and will be designing and making soups and broths. You could see what different ingredients your child likes or dislikes to help them refine their recipes!

## Reading

We will be reading a whole class reading book each day to develop love of reading. We will also be introducing a Poem of the Week to learn and present to the class. Reading is very important for your child—we need to see them reading at home at least three times per week for about 10 minutes each time as a minimum. Thank you for your support.