



Year 4 Autumn Newsletter



11/09/26

Welcome to Year 4! 😊

I hope everybody had a fun-filled but restful summer. It has already been a busy first few days back with some very eager learners in Year 4! They have spent our time introducing new routines and getting to what Year 4 entails a bit better. The children are excited to start our topic for this term, Trusty Traders and Rogue Raiders, where we shall be learning all about invasion, Anglo Saxon kings, law and punishment, Viking life, Viking gods and much



Reading



Your children should continue to read varied texts at home. Reading records can be used by the children to record page numbers, book titles and quiz results.

Children must complete a quiz on their book once they have read it, they can then change their book in the library. The books they choose in school will be linked to their reading age from their ZPD code gained when sitting an online reading test. Children can read a book from home however; it may not be linked to their reading age.

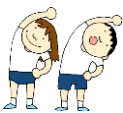
We would expect the children to be reading at least five times a week at home. They should be getting through books and quizzing to increase that word count a few times a term! Keen readers make for great reading skills and writing tone/language so keep it up!



This year, the in Year 4 children will complete weekly times table homework on Times Table Rockstars to work towards their multiplication check. I will check that they have done this weekly as this does need to be completed. Other homework will be set online on the class page when I feel the class would benefit from this. This will be optional but we recommend they do complete it when possible. The homework may be grammar, maths, theme... whatever fits the needs of the week! This can be checked/marked at home and I will be happy to go through further queries at school with any children who need support. Spellings will also be uploaded half-termly to the class page.

We are currently reviewing our Home Learning policy but it will remain as usual this term. These projects will also be coming home with this newsletter. Home Learning projects are open-ended and linked to our theme. Children have the opportunity to research an area they're interested in and display it in a manner of their choosing.

P.E.



Please ensure your child wears their PE kit to school on PE days.

Our P.E days are: Wednesday and Friday.

Outdoor learning dates - TBC

Year 4 will be swimming in the Spring Term.

Spellings

A reminder that we now follow the Scode Spelling schemes where we look into specific sounds and their relevant codes. This way, the children gradually learn all of their curriculum words through phonics and key skills to help remember the spellings. We have seen great progress when using this in the past! They are available on the class page to practise at home too.

Staff in Year 4

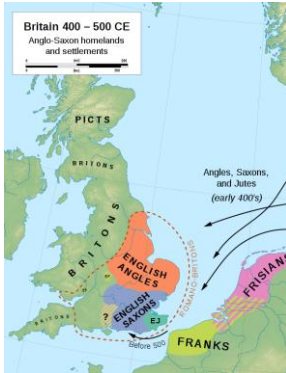
Teachers: Miss Hodges

TA: Mrs Hemming

PPA: Onside PE and Mr Fidler

Autumn Term Theme

Our theme this term is "Trusty Traders and Rogue Raiders"



Times tables

This year, Year 4 will undertake the national times table check. Each week, we will have a times table test which will test the children's knowledge of their times tables, this will be in the format of the official check that will take place at the end of the school year- hopefully making the actual test less daunting as it will be so familiar.

The times table check is taken on a computer and is timed, each question appears on the screen for six seconds, in this time the children will need to answer the multiplication and input the answer correctly. We have already started practising this and the children are aware of where to find the link on the class page. There are also a number of games we will be playing in school to support their learning and revision of times table facts.

More information regarding the times table check will be sent home after in the Spring Term.

Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 1st September Teacher Training Day

Wednesday 2nd September Teacher Training Day

Thursday 3rd September School & Nursery open

Wednesday 9th September Headteacher presentation (sharing 25-26 achievements and 26-27 priorities) 6.30pm

Tuesday 20th October Parents Meetings

Thursday 22nd October Parents Meetings

Thursday 22nd October Children break up for half-term

Friday 23rd October School & Nursery closed Teacher Training

Monday 2nd November School & Nursery open

A typical day in Year 4

Early morning work - Times table practice, mindfulness, handwriting, finisher work and much more!

First lesson - English

Break

Second lesson - Maths

Lunch

Class reader or independent reading straight after lunch.

Third and Fourth lessons - These will be Guided Reading (3x a week) followed by thematic subjects such as: History, Science, Art, P.E, Geography, Computing, Spanish, R.E or P.S.H.E.

This timetable may change due to events that may be taking place in school or due to the nature of the lessons themselves.

Website

Our newsletters, home learning sheets, useful websites and updates of our learning can be viewed on our very own Class 4 page!