



Year 4 Autumn Newsletter



05/09/25

Welcome to Year 4! 😊

It has already been a busy first week back with some very eager learners in Year 4! We have spent this week introducing new routines and getting to know each other 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 more.



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!



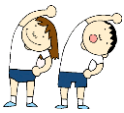
This year, the in Year 4 children will complete weekly times table homework set on Times Table Rockstars to work towards their multiplication check. I will check that they have done this weekly as this does need to be completed. Other homework will be set online on the class page when I feel the class 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/checked 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.

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.

P.E.



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

Our P.E days are: Thursday and Friday.

Forest School dates - Thursday mornings. Dates TBC.

Please contact me when the dates are released if you are able to help!

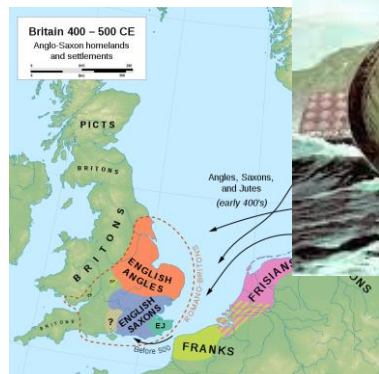
Staff in Year 4

Teachers: Miss Hodges

TA: Mrs Hall and Mrs Walton will work across Years 4, 5 and 6

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:

Saturday 13th September Tanworth Flower and Produce Show

Friday 26th September Year 3 Prehistoric Workshop

Friday 3rd October - Harvest Festival lead by Year 4

Tuesday 21st October Parents Evening

Thursday 23rd October Parents Evening

Friday 24th October Teacher Training Day

Week Commencing 3rd November Remembrance Week

Friday 21st November Home learning due

Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th November Home learning gallery

A typical day in Year 4

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

First lesson - Maths

Break

Second lesson - Straight after break, we will have a whole class Guided Reading session, followed by English.

Lunch

Class reader or independent reading straight after lunch.

Third and Fourth lessons - These will be 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!