

Welcome to Year 4

Literacy

In the Literacy Hour this term we will be looking at historical novels and stories, play scripts and poetry based on common themes such as school, space and animals. We will also be looking at a range of non-fiction texts including reports and articles in newspapers and magazines.

The children will be learning different ways to plan a story, to write character -sketches and to compose poems based on personal and imagined experiences.

Things you can do at home to help.

Please encourage your child to discuss the books they read giving personal opinions and using evidence from the text to support their views. Share interesting newspaper and magazine articles with them and

Numeracy

This term the children will be developing their mental and oral skills in:

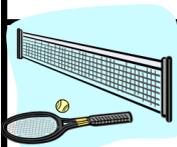
- Counting on and back in tens and hundreds from any two or three digit number
- Reading and writing whole numbers to 1000.
- Recalling multiplication facts.



At home you could help your child by encouraging them to practise developing these skills.

The children will also be learning to :

- Use, read and write kilometres, metres, centimetres and millimetres in full and in abbreviation.
- Recognise equilateral and Isosceles triangles
- Collect, classify, represent and interpret data in tally charts, frequency tables and pictograms.
- To recognise fractions that are several parts of a whole and



P.E

Class 4 will be doing net and ball games. Your child will need PE kits every Wednesday and Thursday.

Music– We will be learning about melody.



Science

During the Autumn Term we will be covering two topics in Science. Firstly 'Moving and Growing' and then 'Keeping Warm'.

'Moving and Growing' focuses on observing and studying bones, comparing the skeletons of a range of vertebrates, as well as the function of the skeleton and how our muscles work.

The topic 'Keeping Warm' in the second half term will investigate temperature including how this may be maintained through practical investigations into insulators and conductors.



History

This term we will be studying the Vikings. Class 4 will research where they came from including their invasions and eventual settlement in the UK. We will look at Viking culture, stories and legends, linking into our Historical text work in Literacy.



Geography

Class 4 will be looking at their local environment and thinking about how they can help to improve or maintain it.

In the second half-term we will be looking at the origins of settlements including how these have changed over time (and linking this to our work on the Vikings!).

ICT

We will be making full use of the school laptops, working towards creating a class Wikipedia page! There will even be an opportunity to use school iPads in the classroom for further research. Please encourage your child to independently use the computer or ipad at home ensuring they use it safely and sensibly.

RE

During RE we will be learning about 'Expressing Joy and Being Thankful' and 'Being curious and self-critical as well as valuing knowledge' You can help your child by using these phrases to express your feelings about subjects and issues that occur in everyday life.