

Welcome to Year 4!

We hope you have enjoyed the time spent with friends and family over the summer holidays and we are sure you are all refreshed and ready to start the new school year; welcome to Year 4! 😊

Year 4 Newsletter Autumn Term



Year 4 team

- Mrs Beadle will be teaching the class on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Mrs McGuire will teach the class on a Thursday and Friday.

Mrs Farnill and Mrs Hatfield will be supporting in our class.

Each term the children explore different topics through an enriching curriculum...

This term, our topic is 'PUT THAT LIGHT OUT!'

The children will be introduced to the historic events that led to the outbreak of the Second World War. They will place events on a timeline (that will grow throughout the topic) and build an understanding of the chronology of the war. We will look at, and experience through role play, the early events of the war from a child's perspective. What would it have been like to be an evacuee during World War 2? We will be looking at the Blitz on Hull and how it effected our locality.

Studying World War II will help the children to develop their investigation and evaluation skills; learn to organise information chronologically and understand how past events have helped to shape the world we know today. We will also be building on our location knowledge by using maps, atlases and globes to locate different countries and cities around the world.

In **English**, we will be reading a wide range of texts to encourage our love for reading and writing. At the start of term we will be reading and sharing Fables. The children will explore dialogue through drama, debate moral messages and write letters in role. The children will write their own fables. We also explore familiar settings by meeting Horrid Henry and his friends (and enemies). We will study several texts that link to our topic. We will learn about the use of adverbs, adverbials and prepositions and will continue to build on our spelling and grammar from Year 3.

Our Maths is taught in topic 'blocks'. We begin by looking at Place Value. This will cover rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000, counting, representing. comparing and ordering numbers to 1000 as well as negative numbers. We will then move on to addition and subtraction, which will cover partitioning numbers and different methods of adding and subtracting two four digit numbers. Much later in the term, we will learn about length and perimeter as well as developing our multiplication and division techniques.

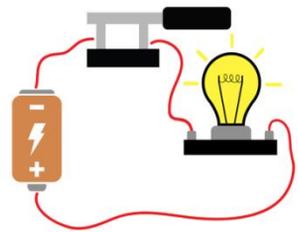


PE

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school all week. It can be kept on their peg in the Year 4 cloakroom

Our PE days will be a TUESDAY and a THURSDAY. Weather permitting, these sessions will take place outside, so **please ensure that a suitable P.E. kit is in school all week**

In **Science**, we will focus on the topic 'It's Electric!' The children will learn all about electrical circuits and test materials ability to conduct electricity. They will put their knowledge of circuits on display by building their own night light as part of our **DT** lessons also. To do this, they will need to impress with their electrical knowhow.



Spanish will continue to be taught by Mrs Hairsine. We will be launching a whole school Spanish week focus early on in the Autumn term so look out for further details to follow.

RE/PSHE will continue to be taught by Mrs Marshall: both these lessons will take place on Wednesday afternoons.



Homework in Year 4

Class homework will be set on a Friday and is expected to be handed in by the Tuesday please. This will be a set of Arithmetic questions which will consolidate our skills in a variety of Maths related questions. Each week, once the homework is handed in, we will work through the questions together in class (on a Tuesday) to clarify any methods. This should help to build your child's proficiency in using and applying different methods. If you have any questions related to the methods, please don't hesitate to ask or send a note in your child's homework book. There may occasionally be additional homework which will be linked to other aspects of learning in the curriculum. i.e. Topic, English or Science.

Spelling homework books will be sent home on Wednesdays and will be expected back in school in time for our weekly spelling test on Tuesdays.

Scheme reading books should be in school everyday and will be changed daily if reading cards are signed. If your child is a 'free reader' they are able to choose an appropriate book of their own, from home.

Taking the curriculum outdoors!

Outdoor learning can often provide the most memorable learning experiences, We are fortunate enough this term to be taking part in a 6 week programme of activities for Outdoor Learning. The sessions will include fun, active, hands on activities. These will be delivered by First Step staff and supported by Mrs Beadle. The session will take part on a Tuesday afternoon so the children will remain in their PE kits for the entire afternoon session. Please ensure your child has a waterproof jacket as we aim to get outside 'whatever the weather'.... Hoping for some sunny September days and if not, we will be building our own shelters!

