

Year 4 Newsletter

Welcome back! We hope you've had a wonderful Easter break and didn't eat too much chocolate! This half term is a crucial time in Year 4 as our learning is geared towards the end of year assessments. Although this will require a great deal of hard work, we know that our fantastic year group will rise to the challenge. In addition, we also have lots of exciting learning opportunities planned for our Tudor topic, which includes our upcoming visit to Gainsborough Old Hall.

Topic

This half term we continue with our Tudor topic 'Off With Her Head'. The children have really engaged with the topic so far and we are pleased to be able to say that the family homework we have received has been of an outstanding quality. We can't thank you enough for your support! Over the next few weeks, we will be experimenting with a range of mediums to create some wonderful sketches of Henry VIII and his 6 wives. We will also begin a new Design and Technology project where the children will be able to make their very own Tudor money pouch. This will involve lots of investigation and will allow the children to experiment with different fabrics, joining techniques and decorations.

Maths

We continue to focus on embedding previous learning in Maths. This will involve a lot of work around our number system, including addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. As we have previously explained, we aim to work towards mastery in Maths which will involve fluency, reasoning, and problem solving.

We would also like to take this opportunity to highlight the importance of times tables. It is expected that by July, Year 4 children will be able to recall the multiplication and division facts up to 12 X 12. Although most children are working hard towards this, not all are confident and require more practice. It would be useful if you could work on this at home with your child as this forms part of our end of year assessments. One way to make this more interesting is to make use of our subscription to Times Table Rockstars. Your child should have brought home an information booklet containing their username and password to enable them to access the website from home. If your child did not bring a login home, please let us know.

Writing

This half term, we continue to use the text 'The Lost Diary of King Henry VIII's Executioner' to inspire our writing. We will also be creating our own poetry about King Henry VIII. In addition to this, we have planned many opportunities for writing across the curriculum, especially through Art and Design & Technology.

Spelling

We continue to emphasise the importance of spelling in Year 4 and we would appreciate it if you could support your child with the Year 3/4 spelling list at home. A list can be obtained online or in class and if you would like any further ideas or another copy of the list please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Science

Our science topic for this half term is 'Sound'. The children will learn all about how sounds are made, how they travel and how volume and pitch are changed. We will then move on to our new topic, 'Animals Including Humans and Living Things'. The children will learn about food chains, classifying and grouping living things and how we as humans impact upon the environment. We hope to be able to use our lovely outdoor space to further enhance our learning.

PE

PE will continue to take place on a Friday. Please be aware that PE sessions will be outside as the weather improves. Therefore, it is important that your child has their kit in school every week including a pair of trainers. A polite reminder that kit consists of a plain white or blue t- shirt and navy blue or black shorts. Children can also wear a plain navy or black zipped top without a hood and plain bottoms or a plain dark tracksuit. In addition, please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school as many children are complaining that they are thirsty during lessons (specifically PE) and we are unable to supply drinking cups for every child.

Other

As you are aware, there are very few school weeks left of this academic year. Therefore, it is vitally important that your child is in school so that large chunks of learning are not missed. This will undoubtedly assist with a smooth transition to upper key stage two as well as with their final assessments.

We would also like to remind you that homework will continue to be given out on Friday and should be returned by the following Friday. Furthermore, we would like to remind you that reading books should be brought in to school at least three times a week, signed by an adult.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Davies and Miss Wood