

# Year 4 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back. I hope you had a fun and relaxing Easter holiday and your child is ready to continue their hard work in the final term in Year 4. I can't believe how quickly this year is going. It obviously means we're having lots of fun in Year 4.

## R.E

In RE this term, our focus is 'Gospel.' Children will learn to read and understand Gospels and make links between Jesus's disciples and how Christians today try to follow Jesus. Throughout this term, the children will be able to explain what kind of world Jesus wanted.



## English

In English this term we will be focussing on developing the children's writing skills through a variety of genres, including fiction, non-fiction and poetry. The children will focus on using expanded noun phrases, adverbials, and introducing dialogue in their writing. The class texts for this term are 'How to train your dragon' by Cressida Cowell and 'The bear and the piano' by David Litchfield. We hope that these will enthuse, especially as they link to our two topics for the term.

## Maths

In Maths this term we will be focusing on our fraction skills, understanding the relationship between tenths and hundreds, identifying equivalent fractions and simplifying fractions. Alongside this we will be focussing on consolidating their quick recall of times table facts to 12x in preparation for the Year 4 multiplication check — TTRockstars is a great way of doing this. We will also continue to focus on basic skills such as number bonds, dividing a 3-digit number by a 1-digit number and addition and subtraction.

## PE

We will be having PE on a Tuesday this term.



Children will need to come into school wearing their PE kits (no football shirts/kit will be permitted). Please note that where possible children will participate in PE, and many other lessons, outside therefore a warm coat and appropriate clothing is essential.

## Topic

Our cross-curricular theme for the first half term will be 'Traders and Raiders.

This topic looks at the lives of Saxons, how they lived and where they came from.

It also looks at the bloodthirsty Vikings who swept the land with terror.

For the second part of the term our topic is 'Playlist'. This is a great topic. The children find out about instruments, the sounds that they make and how they are produced. They discover sounds and investigate which travel the furthest.

## Homework

**Learning Logs**- Each half-term your child will be required to complete three tasks relating to their current topic. These tasks will be sent home at the beginning of each term and completed and returned to school at the end of the half term (the dates can be found at the top of the tasks)

**TTRS & Spelling Shed** — your child should have log on details for these. It is important that they log on regularly, preferably daily to support their times table knowledge and spelling.

**Reading Records** — two new books are provided every Monday and evidence of reading to be returned to school on Fridays. Please ensure that the child reads the book from school, however they can also read books of their choice as well.

If you have any problems or concerns and wish to speak to me, or a member of the Year 4 team, the please contact the school office where we will be able to phone you back. Finally, your support within the current climate is very much appreciated as we endeavour to keep school as 'normal' as possible for all children.

Miss Compton and Mrs Towe.