

Autumn 2 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Welcome back!


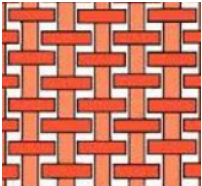



We hope you have had a restful break and are ready to start your second half term of Year 4!

There is lots of new learning to be done this half term in the lead up to Christmas as well as some important dates to remember as well.

Please don't forget we post weekly website updates on our year group page on the school website so you can check in there each week for photos and up to date information on our learning!

Year 4

English	Reading	Maths
		
<p>In English, we will be linking our learning to key stories we read. Our first topic will be linked to our class chapter book - 'Loki' by Louie Stowell. We will be writing a persuasive letter. After finishing this, we will move onto our Christmas poetry unit. This will focus on our oracy and performance skills ready for our Christmas concert in December!</p>	<p>We will continue accessing a range of Little Wandle Fluency books to build up our reading stamina, speed, fluency and prosody. We are also starting to include more challenging comprehension questions in our lessons. Alongside this, we will be enjoying a range of class books throughout the term. Our main chapter book that we will be reading as a class is Loki by Louie Stowell.</p>	<p>We will be looking at two main units this half term - area and the first multiplication and division unit. Our area unit is a short one where we will look at the basics of finding and comparing areas of shapes. In multiplication and division, we will focus on our 3, 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12 times tables. We will also be challenging ourselves to multiply 3 numbers together as well!</p>
Science	History	Geography
		
<p>Our science unit this half term is all about sound. We will be learning how sound travels through the air and the parts of the ear that help us to receive sound. Pitch and volume will be important for us to understand as well as how to muffle sounds. This will lead to us completing an experiment in which we will ask a question about sound that we are curious about and then investigate the answer ourselves - like real scientists!</p>	<p>Continuing from before half term, we will be looking at British history from AD 410 to the 1200s, covering the Anglo-Saxons, Vikings and Normans. This unit is all about invasions (and is aptly named 'Invasion!') so we will be thinking about what factors would make an invasion successful or unsuccessful. We are also going to investigate how everyday life was affected by invasions using a range of primary and secondary sources as well.</p>	<p>We will be continuing 'Interconnected World.' This will involve learning skills such as how to use a compass and how to read a map using 6-figure grid references. We will also be looking at a range of climates across the globe with a particular focus on North and South America. We will investigate how climates affect daily life as well as how climates across the globe have slowly but steadily changed over time.</p>

Music	Art	PSHE
		
<p>This half term, the Year 4 music unit will be all about Vikings, linking into our history! Year 4 will develop their singing technique and percussion playing skills when learning a range of Viking inspired songs. They will work towards a performance, improving their pitch and ability to keep in time.</p>	<p>In Art, we will be moving onto a new unit called 'Warp and Weft'. This unit will involve looking at weaving techniques and how these can be used to create artwork. We will be learning how to weave and eventually create wall hangings using a design that we create ourselves.</p>	<p>In PSHE, our unit is 'Celebrating Differences'. We will be learning to recognise how we might judge others and how we can work to overcome this. We will be celebrating how we are different and considering why this is a good thing for a community. Part of our unit will also be around bullying - how to recognise it and the importance of preventing it.</p>
Computing	R.E	
		
<p>This half term our unit is 'Further Programming with Scratch'. We have used Scratch before in previous years and will be focussing this half term on how we can create programmes that use variables for different purposes. We will also learn about the process of 'decomposition' and how this can be used in programming.</p>	<p>Our RE topic is focussed on Hanukkah celebrations. We will learn what meaning this celebration holds for Jewish people as well as the symbolism behind the lights involved. It will be important for us to relate the symbolism we discuss to our own lives so we can understand why Hanukkah is so important for Jewish people.</p>	

<p>Every week, the children have a P.E session with our sports coaches, Coach Jordan, Coach James and Coach Grace. During the autumn and summer term, one of these sessions is held in our outdoor learning area and the children are taught important skills such as teamwork, communication and strategic thinking.</p> <p>This half term, the children will be focussing on floorball.</p>	 <p>P.E kit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ White t-shirt ✓ Black or navy jogging bottoms (winter) ✓ Black or navy shorts (summer) ✓ Plain dark coloured hoodie or sweatshirt ✓ Plimsolls (for indoor P.E) ✓ Trainers ✓ Hair tied back ✓ Earrings out ✓ Waterproof trousers (for outdoor learning) ✓ Wellies
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Coming up...



Monday 10th and Wednesday 12th November - Parents Evening

You will be able to book an appointment with your child's teacher via Arbor closer to the time.

Thursday 13th November - PTFA clothing sale

This will be held in the junior hall from 1.30pm.

Friday 14th November - Children in Need

This will be a non-uniform day. The children are invited to wear their own clothes and donate £1 to Children in Need.

Monday 24th November - INSET Day

The school will be closed to all students and will reopen on Tuesday 25th.

Friday 5th December - Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair will be starting from 5pm at the Infant school.

Friday 19th December - Carols on the Playground

Our performances will start at 2pm, and the school day will end at 2.30pm.

Arbor:

Please check Arbor messages and emails for these events and others that arise throughout the half term.

Home Learning



Maths homework:

For their Maths homework, we would like to ask the children to play on Times Table Rockstars to help with their times table knowledge. We would like them to complete at least 5 soundcheck games at home per week.

There are Maths tasks available on Atom Learning but these are **optional**.

English homework:

English homework is set on Atom Learning every Wednesday and due on Tuesday, based on topics that we are learning about within our English or Reading lessons.

Reading diaries:

The children are encouraged to read at least 3 times per week and record this in their reading diary. Reading diaries are due on Mondays. If a child has not read that week, they will be asked to go to the reading hut on Wednesday or Thursday that week to give them the opportunity to read.

Contact us



If there is anything you wish to discuss with us regarding the information in this newsletter, or if you have any further queries or concerns regarding your child's experience at school, please do not hesitate to get in touch:

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How can you help?



At the beginning of June, the children will be partaking in the statutory **Year 4 multiplication tables check**. The test is designed to check the knowledge and recall speed of times tables up to 12x12. With this in mind, please ensure that children are practising their times tables as much as possible at home. We will continue to be practising this in school with the children too!

Please continue to spark the children's interest with our **current topics** by discussing, researching and reading around this topic with the children.

We encourage children to have their **PE kit** in school from Monday to Friday in case of any changes within the school timetable. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school so that the children can fully experience their PE lessons.