

Year Four - Autumn 1st term



A very warm welcome back to school for all the year 4 pupils for the start of an exciting new school year. Invitations to join year 4 class dojo will be sent home during the first week back.

Literacy (reading and writing)

Year 4 pupils will begin the year learning about the popular legend 'The Loch Ness Monster'. Pupils will use their knowledge and literacy skills to plan and write their own magazine article and story about the monster. Pupils will be listened to every day in guided reading activities. By reading extra at home it enables your child to broaden their vocabulary and become fluent with their reading, whilst also understanding what they are reading.

Maths

Maths will mainly focus on place value and mental/written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Pupils will apply their knowledge and skills to solve reasoning style problems.

Please note that Year 4 will be sitting a national times tables test in the summer term. Therefore, it is extremely important that pupils learn the multiplication facts up to x12. They will be tested every Thursday in class and they will be working towards achieving 50 times tables in 3 minutes.

You can help your child to achieve this by practising times tables at home or using TT Rockstars website which is funded by the school.

Further curriculum subjects & Topic

In our **History** topic, the pupils will be learning about the Scots, Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. They will create timelines and use historical skills to find out more about these invaders and settlers.

Science this term will focus on Sound. This will involve them in investigating how sounds are made and how it travels.

Our focus in **RE** this half term is Hinduism. We will be exploring Hindus' beliefs and learning about the Hindu festival 'Diwali'.

In **ICT**, we will be learning about the Internet.

In **Art & Design**, pupils will be storytelling through drawings.

Our **PSHE** focus will be on relationships with friends and family.

Class reminders

P.E is on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kits on these days.

Homework and spellings will be handed out on **Fridays** and expected to be in school by the following **Thursday**.

Home reading and **Times Tables** are encouraged every night with books changed in school when brought in.