

Year 4 Newsletter

Welcome to Year 4. Mrs. Aris, Mr Aspden and Miss Clarke look forward to meeting you this year and covering some exciting topics in lessons. We thank you for your continued support. This year, Mrs Eldridge will support your children in class. Mrs. Cook will also take small groups each week.



Behaviour

Year 4 is an important year as the children are at the top of the lower junior phase, and preparing to move into the upper juniors. We expect children to show fantastic behaviour at all times and look forward to rewarding them and celebrating their achievements through superstar assembly and our school awards system. Unacceptable behaviour will be dealt with in line with our behaviour policy. We are planning some exciting trips and educational visits for this year - as always, good behaviour is paramount in order for these visits to take place.



Curriculum

Our History this term will be an in-depth study of the Anglo-Saxons - and King Alfred. Was he really Alfred the Great?



In Geography, we are investigating the UK - and what it means to be part of the UK. We have sent postcards to some schools around the UK and are hoping to make penpals.

If you have any artefacts or memorabilia that relate to these topics, we would be delighted to share these in school. We would be especially grateful for postcards of places you may have visited around the UK, as we hope to make a giant display.



We will be studying Gustav Klimt in Art and in Science, investigating habitats.

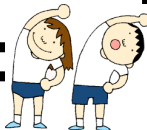
Homework

Children are expected to read aloud **daily** at home, this should be signed by an adult in their reading diaries. If children choose to read a newspaper or other text, this can be written in too!

Differentiated Spellings will be given weekly on a Monday for a test on Friday. It is really important that these spellings are practised so that children learn the rule and can embed this in their writing.

One piece of homework will be given weekly - on a Wednesday, due in the following Monday. This might be Literacy, Numeracy, Science or Topic. Often project-based homework is given. It may be a spoken or practical task.

We are having a particular focus on presentation this term, in children's books and especially with their handwriting and the way they layout their work. Practising this with their homework would be a great help.



P.E

Swimming **may** begin in February - and more information will be given if so, nearer the time. Until then, children will have one lesson with Mr. Airnes and one with their class teacher each week. (For the first part of the Autumn term, this will be with the Fit2Go team from Blackpool FC Community Trust.)