

Year 4 Spring Newsletter

Welcome to Spring Term. The year is whizzing past! We thank you for your continued support. The Y4 team is still - Mrs Aris, Mr Aspden, Miss Mills, supported by Mrs Eldridge / Miss Barker.



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. The children can also practise these on spellingshed online.

One piece of homework will be given weekly - on a Wednesday, due in the following Monday.

We are continuing to have a particular focus on presentation this year, 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.

Times Tables

We are continuing focusing on Times Tables in Y4 at the moment with the national testing happening in June. As well as a reward system and charts in school (Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum and Diamond); we also encourage the children to play on TTRockstars at home and to practice in the 'studio' getting faster and faster and more accurate. We still give out certificates in weekly assemblies. It has been great to see the progress in some children in both speed and accuracy - and the difference in them in their maths lessons! **Please practise at home.** It is expected that the children will know them ALL by June.

Curriculum

Our History this term will be an in-depth study of the Vikings, how they lived, what they believed, and whether or not they were actually vicious or valiant!

We will be creating our own Viking brooches and beads out of clay, and after half term, designing and creating our own Viking purses.

We will be looking at the Amazon rainforest and river in Geography.

In RE we learn about Sikhism and the 5Ks; before learning more about Easter and Christian traditions.

Our Science topic looks at Sound, and the children will be coming up with their own questions to investigate together as a class.



P.E

Swimming will begin in February - for some children, and more information will be given nearer the time.

Until then, children will have one lesson with Mr. Airnes and one with their teacher each week. Those children not taking part in swimming lessons will have a PE lesson with support from Blackpool FC Community Trust.

