

# Year 4 Newsletter

Welcome to Year 4. Mrs. Aris, Mr Aspden and Miss Mills look forward to working with you this year and covering some exciting topics in lessons. We thank you for your continued support. This year, Mrs Cook will support your children in class during some of the lessons each morning.



## 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.



## Curriculum

Our History this term will be an in-depth study of the Anglo-Saxons - and King Alfred. Was he really Alfred the Great? What did happen to Britain when the Romans left?



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

In Science, we will be investigating habitats and exploring the reasons why minibeasts live where they do!

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.

## 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.

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. Times tables will also be tested weekly and we really encourage the children to use TT Rockstars to practise at home too, ready for the official Multiplication Tables Check next June.

One piece of homework will be given weekly - on a Wednesday, due in the following Monday. This might be English, Maths, Science or relating to other subjects. Sometimes project based homework is given. It may be a spoken or practical task.

Pencil cases should not be in school. Equipment is provided. Please ensure your child has a bottle with water only, for use in the classroom.

## P.E



Children should come to school in their PE Kits on a Tuesday and a Friday (for this half term only!). We will be beginning sessions with the staff from Blackpool BFCCT, as part of the Fit2Go program, towards the end of September.