



## What's happening in Year 4 this term?

Welcome back to our final term! Here's a brief glimpse into what's in store for the children...

### Numeracy

We are continuing to rehearse multiplication tables and any extra practice you can do at home with your child will be helpful. The children will be developing written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They will be using decimal notation, particularly in relation to money. They will also begin to understand reflection of simple shapes, angles and direction and will learn to convert standard metric units. This term our whole school curricular target is multiplication facts and the corresponding division facts.

### Literacy

This term the children will look at persuasive writing, including adverts and reasoned arguments. They will have the opportunity to engage in discussions and debates. We will also be looking at explanation texts and will continue to look at poetry in a range of forms. Within Literacy the children will continue to practise key spelling patterns, grammatical rules and correct sentence punctuation. Please encourage your child to use capital letters and full stops correctly in any writing they do at home.

### Science

Our first topic this term is habitats. The children will learn about different types of habitats and how organisms are adapted to their habitat. After half term we will be learning about friction. We will be looking at water resistance, air resistance and surfaces that increase friction.

### ICT

This term the children will continue to use the internet to research our topics in order to further their understanding. The children will be learning how to use branching databases.

### Foundation subjects

The children will be learning about life in Tudor Times. This will involve looking at artefacts and other sources to find out information about Henry VIII and his wives and will discover what life was like for the rich and poor. Our artwork will be based around the Tudors. In PSHE we will be discussing drug awareness and following the

SEAL unit 'Changes'. In PE we will be developing cricket, rounders and athletic skills. Swimming will commence after half term. This term, the children will be preparing for a wonderful display of Country Dancing. Music will focus on singing activities and composition work linked to our history topic. Recorders will also form part of the weekly music lesson.

### **Other adults working in the classroom**

Mrs Keller and Miss Moulton are responsible for releasing the class teachers for their Planning, Preparation and Assessment time each week. Mrs Dann will be continuing to support groups of children in literacy and Maths.

### **Homework**

Homework continues to be given out on a Thursday and handed in on the following Tuesday. This will continue to be either Maths or Literacy. Please encourage your child to come and see us no later than Monday if they have any questions or are unsure about the homework set. Children are expected to spend at least 30 minutes on their weekly homework task in addition to regular reading practice. Homework should be completed in either pencil or blue pen.

### **Useful reminders**

- PE kit on Thursdays and Fridays for Class 9 and Tuesdays and Thursdays for Class 10 - please ensure indoor and outdoor kit is available on both days.
- Reading books can be changed on any day, but our regular book change times are on Fridays.
- Please continue to send recorders on Thursdays for class 9 and class 10.

We hope you find this information useful in supporting your child's learning. Please encourage your child to research topic areas at home to enhance their knowledge and understanding.

Best wishes

Mrs Newton and Mrs Farr

