

Year 4 newsletter

Welcome back, Year 4 :-)

I hope you all had a great break and feel refreshed, relaxed and ready to tackle a new year. We have so many interesting things to learn about this year and I feel very privileged to be your teacher. In history we are learning about the Anglo Saxons which is very interesting and in R.E we are looking at the different denominations of Christianity with lots of interesting visitors and a trip to Haworth Baptist Church.

Reading: We are encouraging children to read 30 minutes a day at home. This can be independently or with an adult. Every Monday we will be checking your children's reading records to encourage this (house points up for grabs). Reading records can be used by children themselves to tell what they have read and any books they are reading for enjoyment.

Library: Our library day will be Monday, please ensure your child comes to school with their library books to change. We also change the majority of books then too. However, we do try change them as promptly as possible.

Outdoor learning: Tuesday afternoon. Please bring wellies and coats. This will be with Mrs Smith.

PE: Monday and Wednesday

Attendance: Attendance is key to ensure that the children can access the learning provided in school. However, please inform the office if your child is unwell.

Snacks: Children are allowed a healthy snack every breaktime. We encourage fruit or vegetables. No chocolate or crisp.

Homework: Attached is a homework sheet, we encourage everyone to do one task a week and upload it to class DOJO. We will be monitoring homework hand ins and house points will be awarded.

This year the children do something called the MTC (a multiplication times check) in the Summer term. This is to see what times table knowledge the children are confident with this. This is nothing to worry about and I will hold a parent evening to discuss this further. We will have a large emphasis on times tables this year and TT Rockstars is a good tool to use (on garage mode for speed and jamming to learn them). We have the MTC meeting this half term to tell you more about it and this has been posted on dojo and Facebook. It does state it is 45 minutes long but I would say it is around 20 minutes to half an hour.

Class DOJO: This year we will be using class DOJO a lot more to interact and communicate with parents and guardians, this will include **any Friday awards**. We post a lot of our classroom journey on here, so if you would like to see what happens in year 4 keep your eye on class DOJO.

Any worries, concerns or positive feedback can be messaged directly to Miss Hargreaves on class DOJO, you can contact her between 7am and 4:30pm. Please note, any messages sent after this time will be responded to the next working day.

Homework ideas:

- PowerPoint about the Anglo Saxons.
- Create your own instrument from recycling materials.
- Plan, make and evaluate your own healthy smoothie
- Create an Anglo-Saxon shield
- Create your own song about Oxenhope school
- Draw your favourite memory from your 6 week holiday. It could be in the park, with your siblings, on holiday. (My favourite memory is watching my boys play on the trampoline and having fun in our garden)
- Make your own writing using the Anglo Saxon Runes



Spelling—practise these spellings weekly. Although we don't have weekly spelling tests anymore, these words have come from the Year 3/4 spelling list and it is useful to practise them. You can put them in a sentence to show your understanding too.

Week 1—accident, actual, address, answer, appear

Week 2 - accidentally, actually, arrive, believe, bicycle

Week 3—breath, breathe, build. Busy, business

Week 4—calendar, caught, centre, century, certain

Week 5—complete, consider, continue, decide, describe

Week 6—different, difficult, disappear, early, earth

Week 7 -eight, eighth, enough, exercise, experience,

Reading—make sure you are reading 3 times a week and are recording this in your reading journal.

Maths—TT rockstars practise. This is better done little and often to secure the speed and fluency.