

Homework

Maths - A task will be set on paper and Times Tables Rockstars every Monday to be completed by the following Monday.

Spellings - These are stuck in your child's contact book on Monday to be taken home and learned for a test on Friday. They are also on our website in Classes -Year 4.

Reading - For extra practice at home, your child is expected to read 4 stories on Reading Plus each week.

Reading and Contact Books

Reading is so important for the development of your child and is key to learning. With this in mind, we encourage you to read as much with your child as possible. This could be through reading stories with them, or to them as part of your bedtime routine.

'Reading is food for the mind and soul'

Please ensure that reading and contact books are returned to school every Friday so they can be checked and changed for Monday. Please comment in the reading record to show that your child has read at home.

PE Days

PE days are Monday (P.E kit) and Wednesday (P.E and swimming kit). Please ensure that your child is wearing the school PE kit which includes: Drive PE top (in your child's team colour), blue or black shorts/tracksuit bottoms (not branded) and appropriate trainers or plimsolls.

Trips

Great North Museum

Autumn Term 2024



Year 4

Miss Seddon

**Information for Children,
Parents and Carers**

During this term we will be learning about:

English

We will be investigating Anglo Saxons and reading a book called "Anglo-Saxon Boy" and "Beowulf." We will be investigating the characters, plot and setting as well as vocabulary related to this topic. We will be doing diary entries, character descriptions and setting descriptions. There will be a focus on the use of fronted adverbials and apostrophes for singular and plural possession.

Maths

We will be exploring numbers in depth to 1000 and beyond. We will be developing our mental methods to add and subtract with larger numbers while also consolidating our understanding of addition and subtraction written methods with numbers up to 4 digits.

It's important to estimate answers to our calculations and so we will be learning about rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000. We will be learning about Roman numerals to 100 (L and C). The recall of multiplication and division facts up to 12×12 is the most important element of Year 4 Maths and so tables will play a huge part in our daily Maths lessons. This also includes multiplying two digit and three-digit numbers by a one-digit number using formal written methods and using the formal written method of short division involving two and three-digit numbers divided by a single digit with exact answers and no remainders.

Science

Our Science topic is 'Living Things and their habitats'. We will be learning to group living things in different ways according to their observable features while consolidating our knowledge of mammals, amphibians, reptiles, birds and fish. The use of classification keys will help us to identify plants, trees and insects.

Art and D&T

In Art, we will be building our repertoire of drawing skills, including producing variations in tone, applying different patterns and textures using shading and hatching. In D&T we will be learning to use a needle and stitch to create a textile pencil case to hold resources.

History

Our history topic is 'Anglo-Saxons'. We will learn where the Anglo Saxons came from and why they raided Britain. We will investigate where they settled and use maps to find typical Anglo-Saxon place names. While taking on the role of an archaeologist and studying the artefacts found at Sutton Hoo, we will learn important facts about the Anglo Saxons and their daily life.

Geography

In our topic 'Settlements' we will learn why settlements develop in certain locations and identify key physical and human characteristics of these locations. We will compare land use in different settlements and create our own map of a settlement.

Religious Education

We will be learning about Harvest and how it is celebrated in our local community. In the Old Testament we will be reading about creation and the stories in Genesis and in the New Testament we will be reading about the journeys that are made and important pilgrimages.

Music

I am excited to tell you that this year we will be continuing to play the ocarina with our specialist music teacher, Mrs Mathison, from Gateshead Music Authority.

Physical Education

COJO's, invasion games and dance are our three areas of P.E this term.

PSHE

Identity society and equality

- Democracy in the UK
- How can it impact us in schools

Drugs, alcohol and tobacco education

- Making good choices - what is the right thing to do?

