

Year 4 Newsletter : Spring 2 2020

Welcome back to another half term in Year 4, we hope you have had a relaxing break.

May we just start by thanking you for all your support last half term. The termly homework challenges you completed last term are absolutely fantastic and have had a significant impact on your child's learning. . We hope this will continue this half term leading up to Easter and I am looking forward to your creations relating to our next thematic topic.

Thank you.

As always, our door is open should you have any queries.

Miss Ball and Mrs Marlow

Our new thematic topic is 'Who were the invaders and settlers of Britain?'

We kick off this topic by looking at what the words invader and settler mean before revisiting the impact the Romans had on life in Britain from Year 3 learning.

We will then be locating where the Angles, Saxons, Jutes and Vikings came from by plotting their origins on a map and exploring when they arrived and how they travelled.

Next we will be investigating the impact the Anglo-Saxons had on the names of towns and cities across Britain and learning all about their lifestyles, clothing and diets by preparing our own Anglo-Saxon inspired stew.

After researching how they built their houses we will be designing and building our own replicas in design and technology.

The children will also be learning about ancient Anglo-Saxon runes, the famous discovery of the Staffordshire Hoard and the key trades associated with the invaders and settlers of Britain.

Finally we will be drawing on all of our learning throughout the topic to plan, write and publish a diary entry from the perspective on an Anglo-Saxon!

Dates for your diary

Friday 6th March- World Book Day

Wednesday 4th and Wednesday 25th

March- Year 4 library van

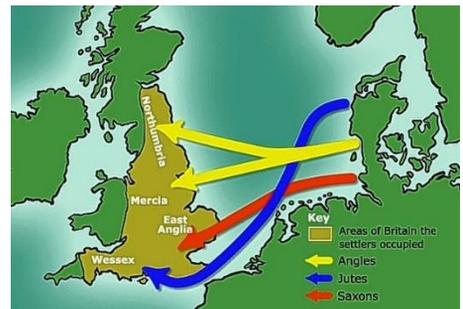
Thursday 12th March- Anglo-Saxon workshop

Friday 13th March- Sport Relief

Friday 20th March- Year 4 class assembly

Thursday 26th March- Parents Consultation Evening

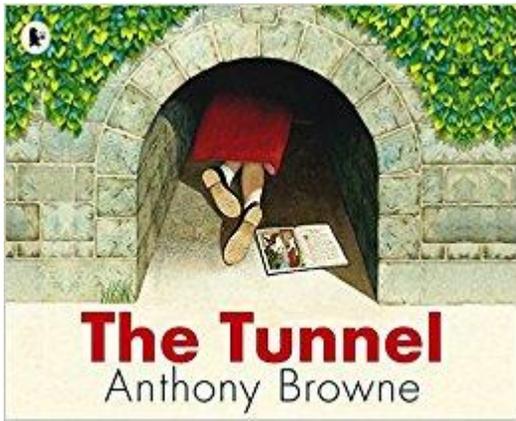
Friday 3rd April- Break up for Easter holidays



P.E

This term year 4 will recommence their swimming lessons on Monday afternoons.

Usual PE kits will still be required this half term. Kits should be in school Monday morning and should go home Friday.



Literacy

This half term, we are looking at a different text by our class author- Anthony Browne. We will be exploring the characters within the text by understanding how they are thinking and feeling at different points in the story. We will be gathering vocabulary and ideas while reading to build up to writing a narrative from the point of view of one of the characters. There will also be opportunities along the half term for incidental writing outcomes including discursive letter writing.

Numeracy

This half term we are going to continue to push the learning of all times tables and division facts as this will help us with so many other areas of maths. **Without knowledge of all these times tables, your child will not be able to achieve the expected standard for Year 4.** May I ask that times table facts are practised at home at every opportunity. We will be securing our use of written methods for division and multiplication throughout the term and will be applying them in various areas of maths including problem solving. This half term, we have a huge focus on fractions. We will be looking at equivalent fractions, finding fractions of amounts and from this, we will be applying our knowledge to solve some problems involving fractions.

Attendance and Punctuality

The continued message this term is of course that 'Every Day Matters' - Every day that your child misses is a day of learning lost. Please support us by ensuring that your child attends school every day and is in school by 8.50am. Learning tasks begin at 8.50am - if your child arrives at 9am every day they are missing 50 minutes of learning per week!

Year 4 are doing really well in the weekly whole school space race but remember for every week that your child has 100% attendance their name goes into a raffle to win a bike at the end of term!

Homework

In Year 4, children are expected to develop some independent work skills. This includes reading (approx 20-30minutes per night) We are trying to encourage a love of reading at County Bridge and would love you to share some of your favorite books, stories, poems etc. with your child. Reading books will also be sent home from school & your child will have the opportunity to take a free choice book from our school library. Any reading that they do at home should be from a mixture of these two books or even a book from home.

Your child has a Reading Journal and we encourage you to write in this book when you hear your child read once a week. We would really love to create a dialogue between parents and school. Thanks.

Individual spellings will also be sent home weekly. Your child is expected to learn their spellings by carrying out Look, Cover, Write & Check and then using the spellings in context by writing interesting and varied sentences.

Year 4 will receive the new format Homework Challenge sheet at the end of this week. The focus is still on children working collaboratively with family members at home and expressing their learning from their current topic but they will only have one challenge to complete. This piece will be due by the end of the half term: the expectation being that the piece represents the amount of time that they have had to complete it. We hope that you enjoy this new format.

Please support your child in completing their weekly homework however by Year 4 they really need to be developing their independence and should be responsible themselves for bringing it back on time.