

# Year 4 Newsletter : Autumn 2 2021

We hope you have had a fantastic half term break and that your children enjoyed reflecting on their learning all about 'What's in the depths of our oceans?'. What a fantastic topic to learn about- brought to life with an exciting visit to the Sea Life Centre! We had a blast. We had some fabulous sea creatures sent in last half term for the homework challenge, we hope to have even more amazing projects this half term! Again, should you have any queries or concerns throughout the year, please feel free to phone and make an appointment. We are always happy to answer any of your questions. Autumn is always a busy term and we will keep you informed through the school's weekly newsletter where you will find important news and diary dates.

Thank You, Miss Highfield, Miss Woolley, Mrs Marlow and Miss Carless.

Get your shields ready and prepare to travel back in time in History to discover all about the invaders and settlers of Britain as our topic this half term is called 'Who were the invaders and settlers of Britain?' and will form our thematic curriculum this half term.

Our art work will focus on using pencil techniques to create a sketch of a piece of Anglo-Saxon jewellery. We will then bring our Anglo-Saxon inspired design to life using modelling materials.

Within Geography, we will be locating where the invaders came from and where they settled using various mapping tools. We will also look into how the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings impacted on our vocabulary, place names and will compare England now to how it was then.

In computing lessons, We will be developing our 'searching' skills and will use various search engines to research and locate specific information relating to our topics.

During science, we will all learn all about animals including humans, particularly describing the journey that food takes through our bodies using the correct scientific vocabulary to do so.

## Dates for your diary

- TT Rock stars day- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November
- Year 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Play Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December



## P.E

Please remember that there is a requirement that your child wears a white t-shirt, dark bottoms and appropriate footwear for P.E.

P.E kits should be brought in on Monday and taken home on Friday to be washed.



## Literacy

This half term, Year 4 will be studying two books by Anthony Browne (our class author) called 'What if' and 'Into the Forest'. The children will be exploring each book in depth and making inferences and predictions about what might happen next, comparing classic fairy tales with the Anthony Browne stories. We will be applying reading skills to infer and retrieve information about the events that happen throughout the book and will make judgments about the main character by using clues from the illustrations and the text. We will be writing character descriptions, diary entries and at the end of the unit we will be writing a letter to Anthony Browne himself!

## Numeracy

By the end of Year 4, all children should be able to recall multiplication & division facts up to  $12 \times 12$  in order to reach age related expectations. This will be a huge focus throughout the year, which you can support your child with at home by encouraging your child to complete any given maths homework and also regularly use TT Rockstars. In class we will be securing and extending children's understanding of multiplication and division in increasingly large numbers through using correct written methods, understanding and converting measures, classifying angles and finding the perimeter of shapes.

## Attendance and Punctuality

The continued message 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 ready to start their learning on time. This is particularly crucial after the missed learning that the Covid-19 partial closures may have caused.

## Homework

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

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

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

Your child will also receive a Thematic Homework Challenge. This piece has been designed to encourage collaborative work between children and their parents. It can be handed in at any point during the half term and should reflect children's learning in school. This part of your homework is not an optional task.

As you are now aware, homework is set via Purple Mash and Google Classrooms. Homework will be set on a Friday and the deadline for completion will be Wednesday a.m - this way children will be able to speak to their teachers on Monday or Tuesday if there is anything that they don't understand. Please do encourage your children to speak to us if they are struggling with their homework, this way we can help them before the deadline. Thank you for your continued support with home learning, it has a huge impact on your child's progress.