

Year 4 Newsletter : Autumn 2 2022

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. We had some fabulous sea creatures and projects on the layers of the ocean 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 Stringer, Mrs Marlow and Miss Wilkes .

Get your shields ready and prepare to travel back in time in History to discover 'Who were the invaders and settlers of Britain?' as the focus of 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.

Within history we will 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

Friday 16th December - Break up for half term.

Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th December - Year 4, 5 and 6 Christmas play.

Wednesday 30th November - Christmas fayre

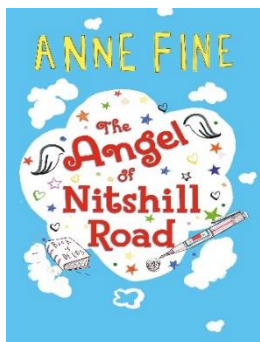
Thursday 24th November - Viking day!



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 looking at a book by Anne Fine called 'The Angel at Nitshill Road'. The children will be exploring each character in the book and how the author portrays them. 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 text. We will be writing character descriptions, letters and towards the end of the topic, we will be writing a different problem which could happen to the characters. Throughout this book, we will also be exploring many PSHE topics as we will be reflecting upon our own behaviour and relationships with others.

Numeracy

In class we will be securing and extending children's understanding of multiplication and division in increasingly large numbers. We will also be understanding and converting measures, classifying angles and finding the perimeter of shapes.

Times tables are huge part of Maths in Year 4, so if you could continue to support your child with their times tables up to 12, it would benefit them greatly. Children will not be able to reach age-related expectations unless they can recall all facts for all 12 timetables. It is a requirement that your child completes the set sessions on TimesTable Rockstars (TTRS) per week as part of learning in order to recall multiplication and division facts quickly, ready for their MTC (multiplication tables check) assessment at the end of the year.

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 closures may have caused.

Homework

In Year 4, children are expected to develop their independent work skills. This includes reading (approx 20-30 minutes 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 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.

Individual spellings will also be set home 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 week. 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.

Homework will be set and marked by Miss Stringer on Purple Mash. 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.