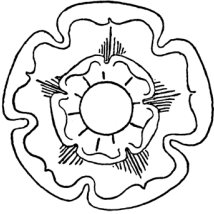


Year 4 Newsletter  
Autumn Term 2010

Welcome to Year 4! We hope that you enjoyed the summer holidays. The children all appear to be settling in well to their new classes and year group and are busily starting work on their new topics.



Our main topic for the first half term is 'The Tudors.' The children will be finding out about Henry VIII, his six wives and Tudor life. The children will be using primary and secondary sources, including artefacts to explore Tudor times. We are looking forward to our Tudor day on 27th September.

We are beginning our Literacy with a topic on recounts and newspaper reports. We are hoping to have a visit by a reporter from the Cambridge Evening News. Our Tudor topic will provide a stimulus for our report writing. We continue the term looking at stories which raise issues and will be studying a text linked to our PSHE topic 'Say no to bullying'. The children will be reading a story set in an imaginary world and using this as a stimulus to write their own. We will also be reading, writing and performing a range of poems.

The daily maths and literacy lessons continue to be based on the Primary Framework. We will be focusing on mental methods for the four number operations. The children will be continuing to learn their times tables and any extra practice you can do at home would be much appreciated.



In Science we will be learning the properties of solids and liquids and how they can be separated. Our second topic is 'Keeping warm' and explores thermal conductors and insulators.

We continue to follow the SEAL units in PSHCE. We begin the year by discussing the importance of rules within the school environment and working together as part of a team. In RE we will be learning about Jesus and his teachings.

In PE the children will also take part in outdoor games and gymnastics. As part of our Tudor topic we will be learning some Tudor dances. Class 9 and Class 10 both have PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We would ask for PE kits to be kept in school from Monday to Friday each week. Please provide your child with tracksuit bottoms, PE top and trainers for games, as well as shorts for gymnastics. We would appreciate it if all items of clothing are clearly named.

ICT skills will be developed through other subjects. For example the children will be using search engines to research the six wives of Henry VIII. The children will be continuing to develop their word processing skills and using the computer to present different pieces of work.



As well as the class teacher, year 4 will be taught by other teachers during the course of the school week. On Thursday afternoons both classes will be taught PE by Mrs Keller and Music by Miss Moulton. Mrs Keller will also be teaching the RE units this term. Mr Hicks continues to teach French once a week. Mrs Dann is the Year 4 teaching assistant.

Homework will be set every Thursday and should be returned the following Tuesday. Daily reading should also be emphasised at home. Alongside guided reading in class, the children choose a book from the school library to take home.

We hope you find this information useful in supporting your child's learning. If you have any queries, please come and see us.

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