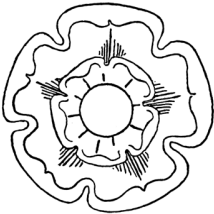


Year 4 Newsletter
Autumn Term 2011

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.

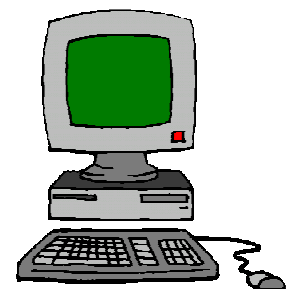


Our exciting topic for the first half term is 'The Terrible Tudors.' We are starting the topic with the re-enactment of the Battle of Bosworth! Then the children will be finding out about Henry VIII, his six wives and Tudor life.

We will be integrating our Literacy topics of recounts and newspaper reports with our work on the Tudors. We are hoping to have a visit by a reporter from the Cambridge Evening News. 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.

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 Wednesdays 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.



In Maths we will be focusing on mental methods for the four number operations. We will be building on the methods covered last year and working towards more formal written methods. The children need to continue learning their times tables and telling the time (analogue and digital). 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.

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 Dingwall and Music by Miss Moulton. Mrs Dingwall will also be teaching the RE units this term. Mr Hicks continues to teach French once a week. Mrs Dann and Mrs Proctor are the Year 4 teaching assistants.

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.

Mrs Farr and Miss Mordue