

# YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back after the holidays! We had a fantastic half term where all of the children worked extremely well and have made progress.

We have lots of exciting things planned for the children and lots of hard work to be done before they move onto Year 5.

Please find some useful information about what Year 4 have in store for this term.

Mrs Bryan and Mrs Gilpin

## Maths and arithmetic

Throughout this term, Maths will be taught with a focus on arithmetic, problem solving and reasoning. As always, emphasis during arithmetic sessions is on the fluency of the four operations, with speed and accuracy. Rapid recall of times tables is essential when it comes to maths and by practicing daily, children will show great progress. By giving the children open ended tasks they will deepen their understanding of the objective learnt. Please encourage children to use their mathematical skills when out and about with you. In Year 4, the children will complete the Year 4 multiplication check, so regular practice on Times Table Rock Stars will help them feel confident.

## Writing and reading

Reading is an essential part of everything we do at school; therefore, ensuring your child reads to an adult at least 4 times a week will help them to develop across all areas of the curriculum. We appreciate that many of the children are becoming independent readers at this stage, but fluency, comprehension and speed are vital skills they will need to continue and consolidate.

Our English lessons will be driven through the reading of class novels. We will study a number of novels and use them as a stimulus for our writing. We are currently using the text, 'The Anglo-Saxon boy' in our VIPERS sessions. To complement these texts, we will also use visual literacy as a stimulus for writing. Writing will involve writing for a range of audiences and children always take pride in their extended pieces of writing. We have been really impressed with the children's stamina to writing and their own creative flair!

## KEY DATES

**PE days- Monday and Wednesday each week.**

**March 3<sup>rd</sup> – World Book Day**

**March 11<sup>th</sup> – Trip to Jarrow Hall**

**End of the half term – virtual visit from our class author**

**Homework will be given every Friday for Spelling test on the following Friday.**

## The wider curriculum



In our Science lessons this term, we will be looking at 'Sound', where children will be investigating the different parts of the ear and how vibrations are made in order for us to hear. In History, the children will look at when the Anglo-Saxons and Scots invaded Britain and the impact it has on us today. During our RE, we are learning about 'What actually happened at Easter? Where the children will learn about the story of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. In our PSHE, we are learning about what makes a 'healthier me' where children will look at friendships, what happens when we choose to do the wrong things to our bodies and learning our own inner strength. While in our French lessons, the children will learn vocabulary and phrases related to travel. The children will be creative within their art lessons, where we will be designing and creating our own musical instruments, looking at various compositions and creating replicas of the artist, 'El Anatsui'.