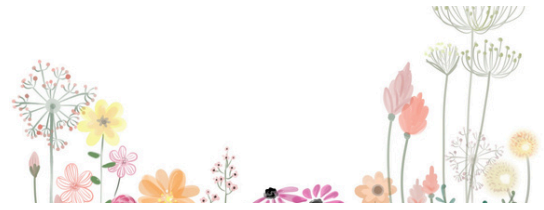




John Muir Class - Year 4



Spring 2- Newsletter



Welcome to the Spring 2 newsletter. We are now more than half way through the school year! This half term is a busy one, with science week, forest school, and parents evening!

The teachers in year 4 are Mr Symes and Miss Jones.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you.

Our Christian Values



Our Christian values this term are:
Perseverance
and Respect

What are we learning:

In English, we will be retelling a Norse myth, which is linked to our topic on Vikings. This will be based on the book: Arthur and the Golden Rope. This is a beautiful book with lovely illustrations. We will be looking to combine our learning of dialogue, sentence types, fronted adverbials, and expanded noun phrases to create expand and describe these stunning scenes. After this, we will be writing a newspaper report on the Lindisfarne Viking invasion! We will be learning how to structure our writing into a recount, along with eye witness accounts and quotes from experts.

Our big grammar focus this term will be using possessive apostrophes, especially ensuring they are using them correctly when pluralising. (The boys' changing room/the boy's pen) Please see the links and support to learning section at the bottom for extra help with this.

In maths, we are continuing with fractions. We will be looking at improper and mixed number fractions, and then looking at adding and subtracting these fractions. Then we will move onto decimals. In particular, looking at tenths and hundredths.

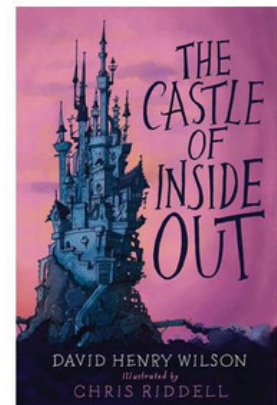
In science, we are learning about states of matter. This will involve looking at liquid, solid, and gas and how materials change between these states.

In history, we are focussing on the Vikings and how they came to what is now England. We will look at their myths and Gods, how they lived their life, and how their era came to an end.



What are we Reading?

This term we will be reading *The Castle of Inside Out* by David Henry Wilson



We will also be reading a range of picture books, poetry and non-fiction texts linked to our history, science and writing topics



Homework

Each week, the homework expectation is:

- Complete the spelling assignment on EdShed. This will be set each Friday, to be completed by the following Friday. Complete 20 minutes per week on TTRockstars (practising all timestables.) To read each day, either their school book or a book of their choice.

There will be TTRockstars club on Thursday lunchtimes and Spelling club on Friday lunchtimes to help support anyone who cannot access the apps at home that week. Children may be asked to attend the clubs if they do not do the homework. If you have lost or cannot access EdShed or TTRockstars, please let me know as soon as possible.

Upcoming dates

10th March: 3pm Open classrooms

10th - 14th March: Science Week

14th March: Year 4 Forest School Day

27th of March and 1st of April: Parents evening

4th April: Break up for Easter

PE and Music



PE will be on Tuesdays this term, so children will need to be in their kit that day.



Music will be on Wednesday afternoons, so they will need to bring their ukueles in each Wednesday.

Links and areas to support current learning.

Our key learning in maths this term are:

Know the multiplication and division facts for the 7 and 12 times tables

In English, we are focussing on correct use of possessive apostrophes. See the link below to help with this area.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zx9ydxs>

TTRockstars

Timestables are a big focus in year 4 and the children will be practising daily at school and have regular time on TTRockstars. Children are asked to spend time at home, practising these too. We will have a TTRockstar of the week for children who work extremely hard.