



# YEAR 4

THE PURPOSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS TO INFORM YOU OF THE TOPICS THAT YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE STUDYING THIS HALF TERM...



## Literacy

This half term, Year 4's literacy sessions will focus around the non-fiction book 'The Ever-changing Earth' by Grahame Baker-Smith where we will learn about the history of the world in a narrative form.

Our main areas of writing will be:

- Creating our own leaflets
- Informal letters
- Poetry.

During our reading lessons, we will begin reading and discussing the fiction book, 'The Last Firefox' by Lee Newbery.

## Numeracy

Our main areas of study for this half term will be:-

- Fractions
- Decimals
- Time

Your child will continue developing their knowledge of the times tables. I would appreciate it if you could support their learning by practising their times tables at home. Our main focus this half term will be 8, 9 and 12 times table.

## Science

In Science we will be focusing on the unit 'Electrical Circuits and Conductors'. We will deepen our knowledge on the symbols of a circuit and creating our own circuits. Children will be applying their skills to practical and interesting investigations to help develop their learning within Science.

## RE/PSHE

In R.E. we will be focusing on the question, 'What is the Trinity?'

In our PSHE lessons, we will be learning all about different relationships with our families and friends through our unit 'Relationships'.

## Music

In Music we will continue to learn how to play the violin with the help of our music teacher, Mr Lynch.

## Computing

In computing we will be learning about the various ways we can log data. We will also continue to learn about how to be safe online,

## Art/DT

We will focusing on our Art unit called 'Animal', and our DT unit 'Functional and Fancy Fabric'. Children will be involved in practical activities wherever possible.

## History/Geography

This half term we will begin our new History unit called 'What was Britain like during Tudor times?' where we will learn about the Tudor monarchs and how life was different to ours during this era. In Geography, we will beginning our new unit of 'Mountains' focusing on the Himalayan mountains. We will use photos, maps, sources and technology to research and develop our knowledge about the units.

## PE

Lessons will take place on a Tuesday afternoon. Children will need their PE kit of plain red shorts and plain white T Shirt. Outdoor kits of plain black joggers and sweatshirt, as well as trainers are also required on this day, as wherever possible, PE lessons will take place outside.

## Home Reading

Children will be given their reading books to take home on a daily basis. They should be encouraged to read a few pages or a chapter every night. Please discuss with your child what they have read before signing their reading record. Books should be brought to school every day but must be returned on a Friday so we can change their books.

All children are entered into the class reading challenge where they need to read at least 5 times a week.

## Homework/Spellings

Homework will be set on Mondays. Children will have a week to return their completed homework.

**Please come and see Mrs Hunter at the end of the day if you have any questions or concerns, or contact the school office if it is urgent.**