

Year 4 Newsletter

Summer 2024

General Information

Welcome back after what we hope was a relaxing but fun-filled Easter break! We are so impressed at how quickly everyone has settled back into our daily routine. There will continue to be many events happening within Year 4 this term, so please make sure you have the Dojo app installed as this is how we communicate a lot of our information and provide you with updates.

Teaching staff

Class 7 – Mr Cooper, Mrs Johnson and Miss Stribbling

Class 8 – Miss Lievesley and Ms Jones

What are we learning?

Our new History unit for Summer term follows on from our previous learning on the Anglo-Saxons and is looking at what impact the Vikings had on Britain. We will be investigating how the Vikings travelled to Britain, Viking beliefs systems and what Viking societies looked like.

In Geography, we will be exploring how we get our power and use it in everyday life.



In PE, Class 7 will continue to have swimming on Tuesdays until the end of the year. Class 8 will be doing athletics this term. Please make sure earrings are removed for PE (or covered with plasters if they are newly pierced).

English

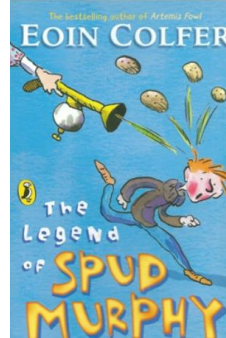
This half term in English, we will be studying a wide range of different writing genres, still based around Paddington, which includes writing our own chapter of the Paddington story and non-fiction texts such as travel brochures about Peru.

Our next units will be based around our next class text of Viking Boy which the children love!

What are we reading?

The Legend of Spud Murphy

By Eoin Colfer



Viking Boy

By Tony Bradman



Art and DT

This term, we will be finishing our cooking unit in DT which will involve children creating their own unique savoury and sweet rolls. We will then use these as the basis for creating persuasive adverts in English to help convince potential customers to buy them!

In Art, we are learning about Surrealism and studying various artists involved within this movement, both in sculpture and sketching / painting.

Times Tables

In Year 4, all children across the country are required to complete a statutory assessment on their times tables knowledge, up to 12 x 12. Children have opportunities to practise their times tables in school, in maths lessons and on the Times Table Rockstars app. We have seen the most improvement when children also practise for short periods at home every day and we suggest that children practise for 5 minutes a day. This can be on the TTR app or through counting and quizzes from parents / carers!

Science

This term, our units of learning are the digestive system in the human body and sound. We will be exploring which organs help food and energy get into and out of our bodies. Our sound topic will cover pitch, volume and how our ears work.



