

# Year 4 Newsletter Autumn 2022

The children have all made a positive start to Year 4 and we are looking forward to a great year together. This term in our History lessons, we will be learning about what it would have been like to live during the Anglo-Saxon period or as one of the Ancient Scots. We are excited to be visiting, subject to parental support, West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village and further details of this will follow in a separate letter. Alongside this History unit, we will also widen our study to associated aspects of Geography, English and Design & Technology. Our first Science topic is States of Matter, within this unit we will be learning about the properties of materials and looking at changes in state. In the second half of term, we will turn our attention to learning about sound including how sounds are made, how we hear and how sounds can be changed.

## **English**

During English lessons we will be analysing examples of myths and fantasy stories, information texts and newspaper reports before writing versions of our own. Some of our writing will be linked to our History learning.

## **Maths**

This term, our focus will be on Number as we revisit previous learning and then build on to it. Using the newest version of the Power Maths scheme we will be looking at place value, strategies for calculating using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and the application of these in relation to problem solving. Each Friday your child will be tested on the multiplication tables we have been learning in class. Please encourage your child to practise these through chanting, games and via Times Tables Rockstars online.

## **Homework**

Completing homework regularly enhances children's ability to retain their learning. Each week they will be given a set of spellings to learn - we encourage the children to play 5 games on EdShed in order to practise the spellings.

They will also receive a piece of homework every two weeks: these homework tasks will be related to our learning in either English, Maths or one of our Foundation subject topics. (Log in details for Times Tables Rockstars and EdShed are in your child's reading record).

## **Reading**

Please encourage your child to read at least 5 times a week and record this in their reading record which will be checked every Friday. Whilst we encourage recording by adults or by the child themselves, we ask that at least 3 entries per week should be signed by an adult. Reading should be pleasurable, please speak to your child's teacher if you feel they need support when finding reading material that engages them.



## **Trips**

We will be visiting West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. More details to follow soon.



## **Art**

The focus of our art this term will be the work of British Artists. Your children are getting older, but art can be a messy business so please could you ensure that your child has an old shirt or an art apron to keep in school for art activities. Please also ensure that it is named.

## **P.E. and Games**

P.E. and Games will take place on a Monday (indoors) and a Wednesday (outdoors). Please ensure your child brings in a named P.E. kit on these days and some warm kit for outside. We also ask that earrings are not worn on these days. If earrings do need to be worn, then the children need to bring in tape to cover them.

## **Well-being week**

From the 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> September we have celebrated well-being week in school. During this week, the children have had the opportunity to reflect upon both their physical and mental health. Why not ask them to share their highlights from this week with you?

## **Presentation**

Improving children's presentation of their work is an area that the whole school are working on this year; please encourage this in your child's homework tasks too.