



Elland C of E School

Year 4 Newsletter - Autumn Term 1 2018

Welcome back! Here's this half term's newsletter for Year 4. Our first half-term is full of terrific topics for your child to enjoy. Thank you for your continued support, Mrs Bedford and Mr Osborne.

English

We are exploring an exciting new book this half term called 'Gregory Cool' by Caroline Binch. Visiting the sunny Caribbean Island of Tobago, Gregory has none of the luxuries of home. How will he ever cope? During this unit of work pupils will learn to produce story maps, instructions, diary entries, biographies and fact files as well as writing and performing their own poems. Cross-curricular links will be made to art and design.

Pupils will continue to practise the 'Year 3 and 4' compulsory spelling list both in school and for homework. Pupils must be able to spell all of these words by the end of Year 4, so please support your child by helping them to practise these at home. Weekly spellings will be handed out for homework on a Monday and assessed on the following Thursday. School reading books will be changed each morning so your child can return their book as frequently as they like. They MUST return it at least once each week with a comment in their reading record.

Computing

"We are co-authors" is the title of our topic. In this unit, pupils solve problems by decomposing them into smaller parts.

R.E.

In RE this half term we will be studying 'What kind of worlds did Jesus want.'

Science

The topic this half term is entitled 'Who am I?' In this module children will construct keys and learn about characteristic differences between animals. They will investigate pond and seashore animals and common land invertebrates through images and first-hand experience.

Mathematics

We are studying place value and addition and subtraction in maths this half term. Pupils will build on their knowledge and understanding via a concrete, pictorial and abstract approach and will develop their fluency, reasoning and problem solving skills.

Pupils are encouraged to have a secure knowledge of multiplication and division facts. We will be practising times tables daily and will continue to use 'Times tables Rock Stars' - Will your child be up for the challenge?

History

Our topic this term is entitled 'Invaders and Settlers'. Focussing on The Anglo-Saxons and The Vikings, this exciting topic will create cross-curricular links to art, DT and English.

Music

This half term we will be following Charanga scheme of work where pupils will explore rhythmic patterns

P.E.

PE takes place on a Wednesday this year. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school on this day. In addition, swimming will take place every Friday.

Homework

This year we are trialling something new. Your child will bring homework each Monday and it will need to be returned on Thursday.

Week 1 - Spellings/Reading/Maths or English

Week 2 - Spellings/Reading/Topic

Houses - Also look out for your new house name. Will they be in Hamerton, Winter, Savile or Mexborough? Class house points can be earned each day for their team! Who will win each week?