

# Year 4 Spring 1 Newsletter



Welcome back to Year 4. We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas break.

During the Spring Term, we are continuing to use and further develop our RESPECT Curriculum. Our new topic focuses on the life and culture of Leif Erikson, a Viking who lived around 1000 years ago. Originally from Iceland, he was the first known European to have discovered continental North America, even before Christopher Columbus!

In English this half term, we are going to be exploring a range of poetry, myths and legends and some non-fiction texts. Ask your child to share what they have been learning about. Also, please practise joined handwriting with your child if they have not already developed a neat joined style. Children who have consistently smart presentation and use correctly joined letters will, or have already been, given a handwriting pen to use for their written work in school. It is something that many of them strive for!



In Maths, we continue to revisit and build upon previous skills and knowledge, as well as introducing new objectives. This week, we are practising telling the time accurately using analogue clocks. Please ask the children to show you what they have been learning as it will enable them to practise and embed it. They also need to be practising their times tables as often as possible as it is now a National Expectation that children know all of their times tables up to 12 times 12 by the end of Year 4.

## Reminders

- \* Two pieces of homework will be given out on Friday and are due back by the following Wednesday. The children are welcome to send it back early, on the Monday or Tuesday, if they wish. The extra, optional activities will earn extra rewards for the class. Please ask your child to speak to us as soon as possible if they need any help with it.
- \* Swimming continues on Tuesdays. Please remind your child that swimming kits need to be taken home for washing after every lesson, otherwise they are going to have a very smelly locker!
- \* PE is now on Tuesdays and is led by Sportspoint. It can take place indoors or outdoors, depending on the weather and learning focus. The children must wear their school PE kit in order to take part. Ideally, their PE kit should stay in their lockers because we may need it for other activities and lessons as well.
- \* All children are encouraged to have a plastic water bottle in school. However, please ensure they do only contain water (and not juice, for example). The bottles are kept in the classroom and the children can have a drink when they need to, within reason. They also need to be taken home regularly for a wash as we do not wash out the bottles in school.
- \* The children should have a school library book. This book is their choice and may not reflect their reading abilities. They should be reading regularly and also writing, or asking an adult to write, regular comments in their Reading Records. Both classes will be given the opportunity to change their library book each week.



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Year 4 team before or after school.

Thank you.

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