



Welcome to Year 4

Our topics this term are Natural Disasters and 'What have the Romans ever done for us?'

This term we will be focussing on the following areas and skills:

English

We will be looking at writing narrative on a theme, taking inspiration from the book 'Eight days- a story of Haiti' by Edwidge Danticat.

Within this, we will focus on appropriate use of pronouns and writing sentences using more than one clause.

We will also study persuasive writing and discussion text.

Much of our writing we will be focusing on will be cross curricular based. In addition to this, this term we will also complete a book study.

Maths

This term we will continue with Big Maths. It uses sequences of progression, prioritises the teaching of core numeracy and is delivered through a structured **CLIC** (Counting, Learn Its, It's Nothing New and Calculations) session every morning.

In year 4 we are looking at different aspects of number and place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, geometry, fractions, measurements and statistics. These units will include the opportunity for children to explore the three main aims of Maths- **fluency, reasoning and problem solving.**

Science and Topic

This term we are learning about natural disasters. We will explore where and why natural disasters occur and the impact this can have on cities and countries worldwide. The children will have opportunity to explore, research and present information collaboratively.

After half term, we will study the impact the Romans had on Britain when they invaded. In addition, children will compare the spread of the Empire using geographical skills. As part of this topic, we have organised a trip to the Grosvenor Museum in Chester.

In Science, the children will be studying states of matter. This will include changes in state, evaporation, condensation and the water cycle. We will also learn about classifying plants and animals whilst exploring food chains and food webs. Science work will give the children chance to plan and explore through independent investigations.

PE days and what we are doing

Indoor P.E. - Wednesday

In this session we will be looking at the different ways we can use our bodies to move, balance and jump. This will include working with partners and in groups. Initially, we are being joined by Mrs Furver, the link PE teacher from Bramhall High.

Outdoor P.E. - Tuesday

This will be led by a qualified coach.

All PE kit should be clearly named. Children may not wear **ANY** jewellery when doing PE, so earrings should either be left at home that day or children need to be able to remove them themselves.

Homework

In our Year group the following homework will be set (in line with the school's Homework policy):

Friday- Maths and English homework handed out to be completed for the following Thursday.

(Please note this has changed from last term)

Please ensure that your child has their reading book, reading record and homework diary in school every day

How you can help:

You can help your child in a variety of ways. Reading is still very important and children also love to be read to! Times tables are also a great thing to practise with your child. If you can find any opportunities for your child to help you with writing, such as shopping lists, cards, letters etc. Give them time to have a go and don't correct every spelling just focus on the common words.

Quick Reminders:

We encourage children to bring a refillable bottle of water into school that they can access throughout the day. This should be a 'sports cap' style bottle that can be shut securely to avoid any spillages.