



# YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

## Autumn 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 4! I trust that you had a lovely summer. It has been great to see your children looking refreshed, smart and eager!

This letter contains some information about the learning we will be completing during the Autumn Term. I hope you will find it both informative and useful.

There are also some details about homework routines.

Please come and speak with me if you have any queries or concerns.

### R.E.

This term we will focus on Creation and the story of Abraham to Joseph; How Jesus teaches us to pray; and Advent.



### Reading

Regular reading is still very important to the children. We will hear each child read at least once each week. Please read with your child regularly and sign their Reading Record at least once a week. The children can change their books on any day. Children can also write in their Reading Record any books which they have read. Don't forget you can log on to [www.activelearn](http://www.activelearn) for e texts and tasks.



### English



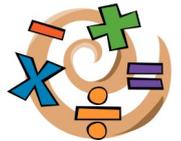
We are looking at fiction and non-fiction texts and poetry. We will be looking at biographies and diaries. Throughout our fiction writing, we will be using techniques to make our writing more exciting and detailed.

Reading and comprehension techniques along with spelling, punctuation and grammar will also be a focus.

### Maths

This term we will continue to follow the SMNP scheme. Times tables continue to be a priority. Please help children learn their more complex times tables such as 7s and 9s.

We have a weekly Number Club test to encourage rapid recall of simple multiplication and division facts.



### Homework

Homework will consist of a combination of weekly English and Maths, both in books and online. Weekly spellings will also be sent out, which will be tested on a Tuesday. Thanks for your help at home!

P.E. lessons will be on Thursday afternoon. Please make sure that P.E. kits are in school all week. If your child has pierced ears, please provide plasters or remove the earrings on that day.



## Science

This term in science we will be studying 'Animals Including Humans,' focusing on Teeth and Digestion. Then after half term we will be learning about Scientists and Inventors.



## Computing

In Computing this term we will learn programming skills and Digital Animation.



## Geography

We will be learning about settlement and land use, tying in with our History topic of Anglo-Saxons and Scots.

## Art/DT

This term we will be looking at Baking Bread and then Anglo Saxon Jewellery. Any child with specific allergies, please let us know

## Music

Music will be taught by Music School, where the children use a range of instruments to showcase their talents. This term is the Ukulele!

## History

We will learn about how Britain was invaded by the Anglo Saxons and the Scots. Projects will be set soon and should be handed in by Wednesday 18th October



## Fruit and Milk

In KS2, milk can be purchased (£11 per term). Children are very welcome to bring a piece of fruit from home if they wish. Time is given each morning for this snack.

### Other Homework—Key Information:

**5Number Club test** (times tables) -  
Tuesday

**Spelling test**—Tuesday

There will be a longer practical homework task inspired by our Saxon topic later in the term. More details will follow.



## Patron Saint

St Philomena is Year 4's Patron Saint.

St Philomena: **pray**

## REMINDERS



⇒ PLEASE check that all uniform, PE kit, outdoor clothing and bags (including shoes) are clearly labelled with your child's name.

⇒ PLEASE make sure that nail varnish / tattoos are removed.

Thank you. Mr Kay / Mr McGinn

