



Year 4 Newsletter 2020

Spring 1



This half term...

Topic:

Topic: Our new topic 'Tribal Tales' looks at 'prehistory' starting with the Stone Age, moving forward through the Bronze Age and then the Iron Age. To supplement this topic we will be visiting the Ironstone Mining Museum. Particular areas of focus include: cave art, Stonehenge and early settlements, including Skara Brae and hillforts.

English: We will be looking at letter writing linked to the novel Stig of the Dump and persuasive writing, including Stone Age menus and Iron Age house adverts. Fortnightly spelling tests will also continue.

Maths: The focus of the next few weeks in maths will be written methods for multiplication and division, before we move into some work on fractions.



Useful reminders

Homework

We will give children homework every **Thursday** and they need to return it by **Tuesday**. There is also a choice of Project Homework. If your child has a sibling in school and they contribute to their homework this is counted as one piece.

Reading at home

Children are expected to read at home at least 4 times per week. Please sign your child's record / planner each time your child reads at home. Children will receive a free book of their choice when they reach termly milestones! Children are expected to reach 100 reads by Easter.

Packed lunches

Packed lunches should be well balanced with a mixture of savoury and sweet. Packets of sweets or fizzy drinks should not be included as part of a packed lunch. As we have a number of children with peanut allergies no packed lunches should contain nuts, peanut butter sandwiches or Nutella sandwiches.

Bikes and scooters

For health and safety reasons while inside the school site please can children push scooters and bikes.

School uniform

Please ensure your child wears: black school shoes; white polo shirt; royal blue jumper or cardigan; black/grey school trouser/shirt/pinafore; hair accessories – school colours; no nail varnish or make-up.

Star of the Week

A reminder that your child can only be eligible for Star of the Week if they read 4 times in a week at home, follow the golden rules, wear correct uniform, have full attendance for the week and have no late marks.

Other information

- Indoor PE kit will be needed for our sessions on a **Tuesday afternoon**. Year four are doing gymnastics indoor. Although it can be done barefoot, plimsolls are also a good option.
- The year four children will continue to have chess on a **Wednesday afternoon**.
- Keep an eye on

Spelling Shed

for new spelling lists. Between tests, when no new lists have been issued, children can still access a large list of year 4 spelling words that will remain active for the entire year.

- Fortnightly tables tests will continue as we build towards the end of year four statutory times tables check. A practice version of the test is available:
<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>
- Another useful website for times tables practice:
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10>

Dates

W/B Monday 10th February – Parents Evening.

Friday 14th February – PD Day.

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February Half term.

Thursday 5th March- World Book Day.

Thursday 2nd April- Decorate an egg competition, judging in the main hall.

Monday 6th April – Friday 17th April – Easter holidays.

Thursday 7th May- PD Day

Friday 8th May- Bank Holiday