

TRAWDEN FOREST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Class Topic Newsletter - Year 4

Every child matters; every moment counts!

A new school year — Can you believe it?

A warm welcome back after the long summer holiday. I hope that you managed some family time together and made lots of precious memories. The nights are drawing in and autumn is creeping closer but the children are settling in well and have begun their Year 4 learning in an extremely positive way. In their new uniforms, they look very smart and ready for learning so thank you. We can't believe how much many of the children have seemed to have grown during the six weeks!



The Anglo-Saxons & Scots

This half-term, we are learning all about the Anglo-Saxons and Scots. We will learn why



they came and about vocabulary such as invaders and settlers.

Within this we will

develop our sense of chronology as well as learning about:

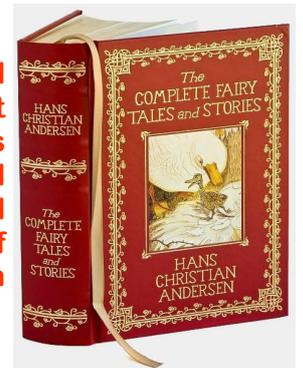
- Village life
- Place names
- Art
- Culture
- Sutton Hoo



English

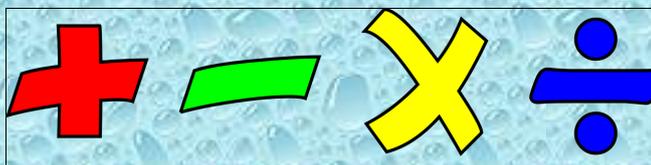
ENGLISH

The topics we are covering include fairy tales and newspaper reports. Firstly, we will look at different versions of the same tale and use our acting skills and writing to consider characters' thoughts and feelings. We will be learning how to spell words and also to improve our sentences through the use of fronted adverbials and speech. Within this, children will be taught how to correctly punctuate speech.



MATHS

We will be continuing to develop our mental maths skills with a special focus on counting in 1000s and 25s from 0 and back from any multiple of 1000 and 25. The topics we are learning about include place value, fractions, decimals, division, multiplication, addition and subtraction as well as angles and symmetry. There is a heavy emphasis on 4-digit numbers in Year 4 (Thousands, Hundreds, Tens and Units). As you can see, we'll be rather busy!



WELCOME
BACK
TO
SCHOOL

Staff in Year 4

Mrs Atkinson
Mrs Whittaker
Miss Gallagher

Science

Our science topic is all about **SOUND!** We will be learning how sound is made and how we can change sounds through a variety of investigations.



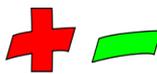
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There will be many opportunities for exciting experiments!

MATHS HOMEWORK

Minute Maths will be set on a Thursday and will be stuck in their homework book. Please time your child 1 minute per strip. If they cannot yet reach the bottom within one minute, please ask your child to underline where they reach before finishing them off. Alternatively, you can write how long it took them at the base of each strip. The idea is that they begin to improve their scores over time.

Please practise times tables with your child as they are vital. All Year 4 children need to know all of their times tables and division facts up to 12 x 12. Your child should already be able to rapidly recall their 2x, 5x, 10x, 3x, 4x and 8x tables and the related division facts so I would appreciate it



very much if you could practise these if you know that your child does not know them yet.



As a general guide, they should be able to answer questions within 6 seconds.

EXTRA, EXTRA, EXTRA!



Miss Westwell will be teaching the children computing, PSHE and music on a Wednesday afternoon.

On Monday afternoons this term, Year 4 are taking part in a Maths on the Move programme, which I'm sure will be exciting!



HAPPY 9TH BIRTHDAY THIS HALF-TERM TO...

Blossom, Alex, Ashleigh, Conrad, Ruby, Charlie K and Kalen

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 13th September—Roald Dahl Day
- 26th September—Non-uniform Day
- 27th September—Macmillan Coffee Morning
- 3rd October—National Poetry Day
- 10th October World Mental Health Day
- 15th/16th October—Parents' Evening
- 16th October—Open Day
- 18th October 2019—School finishes - half-term
- Monday – PE kit needed
- Thursday – Maths homework given out
- Thursday – Spelling homework given out

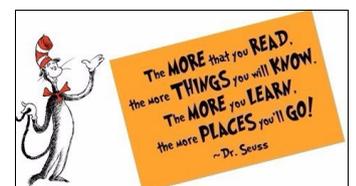
ENGLISH HOMEWORK

Reading

Please hear your child read and ask them questions about the books that they are reading in order to develop their understanding and find evidence for their answer in the text.

Spelling

Spellings will be given out on a Thursday. Your child will have their spellings in their homework book and will have a week to learn them as they will be tested the following Wednesday.



Bucket List

Children worked together to help to create a list of six things that they would like to accomplish this year.

- Build a den
- Go on a trip
- Make a model
- Do some baking
- Painting
- Make a fire



Booket List

The ten books for children in Year 4 to read are as follows:

1. The Firework Maker's Daughter
2. The Boy at the Back of the Class
3. Bill's New Frock
4. Charlotte's Web
5. Why the Whales Came
6. World's Worst Teachers
7. Fing
8. The Boy in the Dress
9. The Twits
10. 13 - Storey Treehouse



They have chosen quite a number of the books themselves!