

# Newsletter

## Spring 1 – Year 4



Our topic this half term is: Traders & Raiders



In this History based topic, we will be learning all about the Vikings and thinking specifically about who they were, when and where they settled and why, as well as how they lived and what they believed. The topic began with our trip to Jorvik Centre in York on Wednesday, which the children really enjoyed. During the trip, they had time to look around the museum, listen to demonstrations and take part in a workshop about Viking Sagas and beliefs. We will be heavily linking our topic to Literacy, and creating our own Viking kennings, Gods and Viking Sagas over the half term.

In Reading lessons, we will be focusing on specific skills each week - such as skimming, scanning, and using evidence to back up our ideas. We will also be working more on making our reading comprehension answers clearer and fuller.

In Maths, we will be moving on to work with shape, space, measure and data as well as maintaining a focus on mental arithmetic and calculation. By the end of Y4, all children need to know their times tables up to 12 x 12 fluently. Therefore, we ask that children continue to practise these at home where possible, especially if they are unsure. There are several free apps, internet games and websites available to help with times tables

This half term, Y4 children will also complete an R.E unit on Islam and take part in weekly recorder lessons for 5 weeks.

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
- Have no late marks

Remember - if your child manages to reach the expected reads this half term, they will also receive a new book and a certificate from Mrs Watson!

Happy New Year to all parents and carers! We would like to say a big thank you for all of your kind cards and gifts at Christmas. Whilst not expected, they were very much appreciated by the Y4 team.

### Dates for your Diary

Break up for half term:

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Back to school:

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

### PD Days:

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Just a few reminders for you to help your child with the organisation of their school week:

- If assigned, Maths or Spelling homework will be given out on a Thursday and is due back in school, completed, on the following Tuesday ready for new homework to be issued. Children not completing this are sent out automatic reminders in their planners. The Topic Grid homework is ongoing over the full half term.
- Enjoy reading with your child 4 times a week. This can be their school reading book or any reading done at home. Children not completing this are sent out automatic reminders in their planners. Reads cannot be backdated as we keep a record of weekly reads and previous weeks are not checked again once passed.
- We ask for all children to bring their PE Kit into school at the start of the half term, and leave it in school until the following half term/end of term break, so as to ensure all opportunities for P.E. are utilised. As always, we appreciate kits being labelled with children's names to avoid them losing any items.

Thank you for your continued support.