

Walkergate Primary School

Year 4



Things we will be learning:

We will be learning about inventors and inventions from our local area and how lives have changed in the North East because of these inventions. We will be studying Lord Armstrong and Joseph Swan who were both from the North East of England.

In music we will continue learning notation and rhythm and we will also look at musical instruments and how they produce sounds.

In science we will be studying electricity.

In English we will be looking at information texts and instructions and we will be creating our own texts. We will look at poetry and create our own poems .

In maths we will be looking at area and fractions and decimals.

Homework

We are continuing to have a big push on times tables in order to prepare children for the year 4 timetables test. We have a times tables test every Friday. All children have a multiplication grid at school and one was sent out with each child to support them with this at home. We are having a timetables workshop for parents/carers on **Tuesday 25th February** which aims to help parents to support their children at home with fun games and tasks. If you would like to come please let us know.

Children should read every night for 10 minutes. This has a huge impact upon reading stamina, vocabulary, fluency and confidence. Please encourage and support your child with reading at home. Please sign their planner to say they have read. Don't forget, we have our rocket readers award every Friday and your child could receive this if they read every day.

Children must also practise their weekly spellings which they will be tested on every Friday.



Events that we will be involved in:

Back to school - Monday 24th February.

Times table workshop - Tuesday 25th February at 2.15pm.

World Book Day - 5th March

We are hoping to visit the Discovery Museum as part of our science and topic.

There will be an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher in March to discuss any issues or concerns you may have –details to follow.

PE

Swimming is now finished.

Please ensure children have an appropriate PE kit (dark blue shorts/joggers and white t-shirt) including trainers on the following days:

4A—Monday and Thursday

4W— Tuesday and Friday

4H- Tuesday and Friday

Please encourage your child to...

Find out anything they can about inventors from the North East and the inventions they created.

Look at how inventions have changed lives in Newcastle.

Learn their times tables and related division facts e.g.
 $5 \times 7 = 35$ $35 \div 5 = 7$

This half term we will be reading...

Stig of the Dump by Clive King

