



# YEAR 4

## Class Newsletter Spring 2

### Welcome and Special Announcements

Welcome back everyone, we hope you had a lovely half-term.

Your Year 4 Staff are:  
Mrs Parry  
Miss Worthington  
Mrs Holloway  
Mrs Kotlowska

### Our Learning this term

**Writing** This term, we will be writing a range of genres, many of which will be linked to our History topic on Vikings.

**Reading** This term, we will be analysing the book **Volcanoes** and **"Ariki and the Island of Wonders"** in our reading lessons.

#### Maths

This term we are focusing on:  
Fractions, time and decimals

#### Science

This term we are learning about **ELECTRICITY**

Our Key Knowledge is:

- Identify common appliances that run on electricity
- Construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers
- Recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors.

#### History

This term we are learning about **THE VIKINGS**. Our Key Knowledge is:

- I can explain who the Vikings were.
- I can give valid reasons why they settled in England.
- I understand what archaeological evidence can tell us about the Vikings
- I know the written evidence is important and it has limitations
- I know about lifestyles, culture and religion of the Vikings.
- I can compare Viking and Anglo-Saxon lifestyles.

#### OTHER SUBJECTS LEARNING AND KEY KNOWLEDGE

- In Computing we will be learning about spreadsheets.
- In Art, we will be looking at the famous artist Vincent Van Gogh and working on our painting skills.
- During our Jigsaw lessons we will be thinking about how to keep safe and healthy in our topic 'Healthy Me'.

#### Class Reader



How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell

### Key Information This Term

#### Reading

Year 4 children should be encouraged to read regularly at home with an adult. (4 lots of 20 minutes a week is a good start).

#### Home Learning

Each week Year 4 will be given a set of times tables/spellings to practise to be tested on the following week.

Children should access **Times Tables Rock Stars** a few times in the week at home.

**P.E.** This term we will have PE on **Mondays**. Make sure your child has the correct kit (school house t-shirt/plain white t-shirt, black shorts, school pumps or black trainers) School house t-shirts are available to buy online at [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)

#### Key Dates

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Last day of term