

Year 4

## Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn 1



Welcome to Year 4! I am so thrilled to be here at Ben Rhydding and to be teaching your lovely children this year. It has been wonderful to meet so many of you and I have been so grateful for the warm welcome I've had from you all. I'd also like to welcome Emilia and Charlie to the class, we are so thrilled to have them with us. We have an exciting year ahead and it has been wonderful to see the children settling back in to school so well already.

If you have any questions regarding your child, please get in touch.

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For changes in pick up/drop offs, medical appointments or absence, please phone or email the school office.

### The Curriculum

#### English

Our text this half term is called The Red Prince. We will be developing our comprehension skills through reading lessons, making predictions and inferences about the text. Our writing focuses will be basic skills; accuracy with capital letters and full stops, correct spelling of high frequency words and neat, joined handwriting. We will work on these throughout this half term before moving on to a wider range of Year 4 writing skills in the second part of the Autumn term.

#### Maths

We will initially be looking at place value and numbers up to 10,000 before we revisit column addition and subtraction. Throughout Year 4 we have a strong focus on times tables and the children have booklets in school to practice them. The children will soon be given a reminder of their TT rockstars logins and I would encourage them to practice on 'sound check' as frequently as possible. The format is similar to that of the multiplication check they will take later in the year, so is excellent for building their confidence.

#### Science

In Science we will begin by looking at living things and how to classify them using classification keys. We will then be looking at states of matter and finding out about solids, liquids and gases.

#### Computing

We will initially be focusing on online safety and the importance of being a responsible digital citizen.



#### History

Our history topic focuses on the Vikings and Anglo Saxons.

### Art

We will be looking at the artist William Morris and creating some wallpaper using repeated patterns.



### P.E.

Our P.E. days are Monday and Thursday and will be held outside until the weather becomes colder. Children should come to school in their outdoor PE kit on Monday and Thursday mornings and will remain in it all day. Please check the school website if you require clarification of the correct PE kit.

### Home Learning

Home Learning will come out on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September and will consist of the following:

- One weekly reading book
- One set of half termly optional maths tasks
- One set of half termly optional English tasks
- One termly home learning project.

### Book Exchange

All children have a school reading book. These will be changed on Monday. I will send children with one book for the week. Whilst I know many children are beginning to enjoy reading for pleasure by themselves, please keep encouraging them to read aloud to you.

### Library

The children will visit the library on Monday and will be able to borrow one book per week.

### Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day. This will be sent home at the end of the day to be brought back in filled up for the next day.

### Dates for the diary

Flu vaccinations – 16th September  
Individual school photos 17<sup>th</sup> September  
Harvest Festival - TBC

Last day of half term – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October  
Return to school – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November