



Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn 2022



Pennyman
Primary Academy

Welcome to our Autumn newsletter!

We want to share with you some of the fantastic things we will be getting up to in Year 4 in the academy this term.

Year 4 English

In English this term we will be exploring a number of fantastic texts including The Hedgewitch, The Magic Faraway Tree and Beast Quest. Through retrieval, inference and other reading skills such as prediction and summarising we will be drawing from these texts to inspire and influence our writing of stories with an issue/dilemma and an adventure story. As we near Christmas, we will be enjoying reading The Christmasaurus for our class text.



Year 4 Maths

In Maths, we will begin to learn about 4 digit numbers including rounding, comparing and ordering them. We will further our knowledge of the four operations through developing fluency in the written methods of column addition, column subtraction, short column multiplication and bus stop division. As well as this, we will apply our learning through reasoning and problem solving activities. As it is vital that children possess a secure knowledge of their times tables, we will be sending home a new Times Tables book to help children practise their knowledge in this area with parents/carers at home.



Year 4 Science

Our first Science topic this term is sound in which we will learn what is sound and how we hear sound. We will investigate the science behind making sounds higher and lower, louder and quieter. Following this, we will move on to electricity and how make a complete electrical circuit and light a bulb.

Year 4 Wider Curriculum

We start this term learning about the Romans and their invasion of Britain. We move on to learn about modern day Italy and its geographical features. In computing, we will be animating stories and publishing information sheets. Anthony Gormley is our artist this term. You may recognise his most famous local work, the Angel of the North. We look forward to making a soft toy in DT and using Garage Band on the ipads to make digital music.

Year 4 Homework

This year, we have provided a homework pack containing a Reading Record, Multiplication Weekly Test Book and a Spelling Test book. This pack should be brought to school EVERY DAY. Children should be reading at home every day and recording it in their reading record four or five times a week. There is a weekly times table test to complete and a set of 10 spellings to practice for their spelling test on a Friday. Please support your child's learning by ensuring they complete their homework every week.

Year 4 Other information

PE will take place on a Thursday afternoon. Please send your child into school with their PE uniform: white tshirt, black shorts and trainers. If the weather is cold, please provide your child with a black tracksuit. If children do not come with a Pennyman PE uniform, then they will be provided with one to wear. If you wish to pass on a non-urgent message for your teacher, you can do this on the notes section of your child's reading record. We have 400+ children wearing the same uniform so it is very important to put your child's name in all their uniform and belongings brought to school otherwise we are unable to identify the owner of misplaced items.