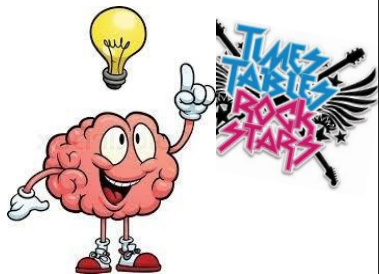


Literacy –

Within literacy this term, we will be starting with stories set in imaginary worlds. We will explore a variety of different worlds and finding out exactly what makes one imaginary. We will then move on to writing our own descriptions before creating our own imaginary world.

We will then move onto a poetry unit, looking particularly at creating imagery. We will be looking at a variety of features including metaphors, similes and powerful verbs.

Then we will be writing our own poetry based around Windows by Jeannie Baker. In term 2, we will be focusing on writing a recount where the children will write about their own experience of something.

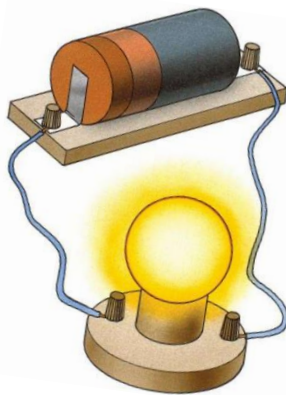


Numeracy –

In numeracy, we will be starting with place value and recapping some key points from Year 3 before moving on to rounding numbers and working with thousands. On Thursday mornings, Mrs Blower will be looking at measurement including equivalent lengths and adding and subtracting lengths. We will be regularly practising our times tables, including TTR!

Science –

Children are going to become electricity experts. We are going to begin by understanding how electricity is generated and then explore different types of electricity as well as electrical safety. Throughout the term, Year 4 will be creating their own electrical circuits to help with their understanding. In term 2, we will focus on states of matter and how we can group different materials. We will be using key enquiry skills including asking questions and making predictions to help us understand how a materials state of matter can change.



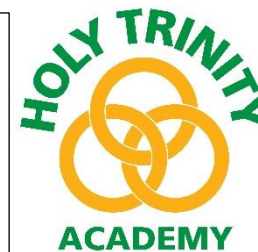
Music -

Get ready to get your groove on! Children will be drumming with Mr Garcia every Friday.

PE –

Fitness – Our first topic is tennis where we will be practicing and developing skills such as hitting the ball using forehand and backhand as well as improving teamwork and cooperation with their partner. We will also be doing dance focused around 'The Spy' and children will learn to choose actions related to the theme and music. They will also focus on space, dynamics and timing.

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Welcome to Year 4! I am very excited to be teaching a brand new class and learn all about the **Anglo-Saxons** in an exciting first term! Below you can see a brief overview of everything we will be learning in terms 1 and 2...

Spellings and times tables – These will be given to the on a Friday and we will practice them regularly in class. Children are more than welcome to get some extra practice in at home and parents can grab a copy from the classroom if they wish. It is **really important** children are practicing their times tables as we have a times table test in Year 4.

Reading – It is important that children bring their reading record and school reading books with them each day. They will be heard reading at least once a week by an adult and will need to read regularly at home too.

Homework – Homework will be handed out on a Friday and will need to be completed by the following Thursday. The work should be set so that your child can complete it independently but if they struggle, don't hesitate to guide and prompt them.

My door is always open and everyone is welcome, so if you have any questions or anything you wish to discuss, feel free to come in. I'm looking forward to getting to know you as well as all of the Year 4 children over the next Year!

We will be swimming every Wednesday so please ensure your child has their swimming kit as well as their PE kit in school every day.

DT and art –

Let's get creative! In Term 1, Year 4 will be creating their very own Anglo-Saxon pot using clay. We will be focusing on the different techniques and skills the Anglo-Saxons used to create their pots before designing and making our own.

In DT, we will be exploring the ingredients the Anglo-Saxons used, looking in particular at bread. We will look at the Eatwell Plate before exploring, evaluating and tasting a variety of different breads. The children will then use what they have learnt to make their own loaves.



Religious Education –

In term 1, Year 4 will be learning about Sikhism. This will give children a deeper understanding on how far a Sikh would go for their religion. In term 2, children will be exploring the question 'What is it like for Christians to follow God?' by listening to stories and completing a variety of activities to help deepen their knowledge and understanding.



In ICT, Mrs Blower will be starting by looking at the importance of internet safety with the class before moving onto a programming unit where they will learn to write commands, correct mistakes, write text and draw.

PSHE-

We will start the Year by each looking at new beginnings. We will explore our class rules that we created collectively as well as thinking about what we can do when things get difficult. In term 2, we look at the importance of communication and managing our emotions before moving onto keeping safe on darker nights.



History and geography -

The Anglo-Saxons are here! We will start by looking at a timeline and where the Anglo-Saxons sit in world history. Children will be looking at different dates and working as a team to provide information using research and presenting to the class. We will be looking at lots of interesting topics such as village life, clothes, food and drink as well as the mystery of Sutton Hoo. Children will be learning using research as well as hands on learning to immerse themselves in the Anglo-Saxon way of life. Shields at the ready Year 4!



French –

In Year 4, we always start the French unit by learning a little about France and creating a postcard!

In terms 1 and 2, we will be focusing on greeting people in French. The children will be looking at different phrases and when to use them depending on who they are talking to. Un, deux, trois – we will also be learning to count up to 20 in French, playing lots of different games and reading stories to help us remember.

